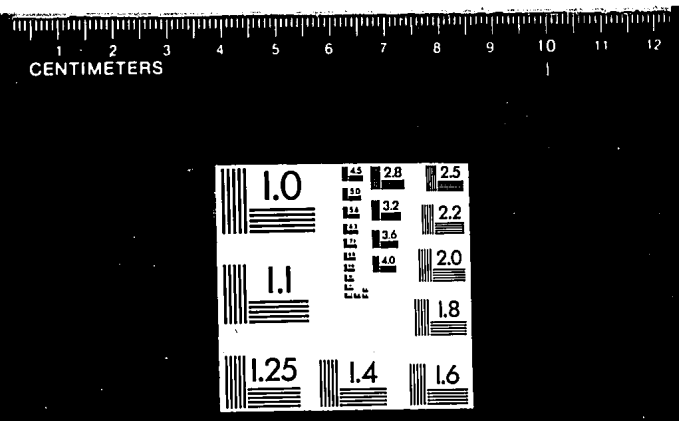

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Edison-Miller Family Papers
Marion Edison Oeser and Oscar Oeser

The selected items in this folder cover the years 1911-1932. They consist primarily of correspondence from Marion Estelle Edison to her father, Thomas A. Edison, and her stepmother, Mina Miller Edison. Included are letters referring to Edison's financial support of Marion, who lived in Germany from the 1890s until 1925. The letters also discuss the social, political, and economic conditions in Germany and Switzerland during World War I and its aftermath, Marion's acrimonious divorce from Oscar after the war, and her concern about the state of Edison's business affairs during the 1920s. In addition, there are letters relating to Marion's 1927 appendectomy and hospital stay, paid for by her father, and her 1930 trip to Florida, where she spent two days with Thomas and Mina. A letter from 1932 discusses the bitter feelings among the Edison children after the reading of his will.

Our bungalow
Eichwald-on-the Rhine
6-6-11.

My darling Father,

We are always happy but our happiness has risen somewhere about fifty degrees since we received a letter from Lieutenant Schierbrand saying that you plan to come over to Germany this summer. Now you couldn't be so heartless as to disappoint us. Please do not let anything prevent your coming. Just pack up as soon as possible before the heat

has taken all the starch and energy out of you. I know how it is with us. We make a lot of plans for the summer as soon as the spring shows up and then when the hot days come we give them up and simply come out here to keep cool. Oscar has begun to take English lessons so that he can be able to understand you when you come. We have never spoken English together. It seems so natural to speak the language of the country in which you are living. If we had had children I would have insisted upon English being spoken as it would have been such an advantage to them later in life. Of course you intend coming to Mülhausen, don't you? Of

course we could meet you anywhere you wish but I sleep so badly in hotels that I travel as little as possible. It seems queer but I have noticed that after a motor ride in the evening I sleep very good. Perhaps it cools my head. Our Cadillac still behaves itself very good only that the repairs are rather appalling. We almost never take a ride without something getting out of order so that it costs much more to keep than it did the first years we had it. Well I dont suppose years improve any of us. Please ask Mina to let me know as soon as you have any settled plans.

In case you do not let us know and when you arrive in Mülhausen and find our apartment closed, just come out here to Eichwald. It is hardly a half hours ride in a motor car and we are sure to be here if not in Mülhausen. Please, please do not disappoint us, we can hardly wait for the time to come. Oscar joins me in sending our love to all at home

Lovingly

Marion.

Auf wiedersehen!

HOTEL „STADT BERLIN"

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Auto Garage — Lift.

Dresden-A., den 26. 9. 1911.
Neumarkt

My dearest Mother Edison,

It was the most disagreeable day, that we have had for a long time, when we must leave you - and Marion and I we were feeling very sorry on account ~~being~~ without you and the family. You wrote that you were hoping, that I would love all of the family, and I told them to Marion - I am sure that I love them all, feeling it before I saw you. But now I have the impression as if we had been together long time ago and the separation was the (awfullest) most awful thing, I was feeling. I hope we shall see each-other soon and I think you must have also a little sympathy for me, otherwise you would not be able to be so kind to me and to have spoiled me so much. I was feeling it so often and I saw it in your eyes and always I shall do everything to be worthy of all your goodness and sympathy.

We found my mother very sad, she was glad to have received your dear letter. Marion and I translated

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it for her and she shall keep the original and the translation and asked us to give you her best thanks for your kind words. My thoughts are always with you in Berlin and the other places and I hope you had not too much troubles the last days in Germany. Of course you must endure many unpleasant hours, when people are too much ~~em~~ boring you, but father is a hero of spirit and people wish to show their gratefulness for the numberless benefits, which they got through him and his works.

This letter is written to wish you a pleasant journey over the ocean and we hope that you will arrive safely home.

We thank you and father from our hearts for all goodness to us. With love to you both a not forgetting the childern I am as ever

Your affectionated and grateful

Oscar.

Eichwald-on-the-Rhine
17-10-77.

My dear Mina,

First of all I want to thank you for your two lovely letters also for so kindly sending me my mail. Several officers called at the Adlon, everyone thought we must be there with you until your pictures appeared in the papers without us. The few weeks since we parted have been a great contrast to our lovely trip together. I have almost never been so watched

in all my life. I suppose you know of the trouble Mr. Valentine has made for us. The moment I read his article I knew what was coming and I did not have to wait long. There was such a storm that in a moment of anger I seemed to have an inspiration and wrote an article to one of the best daily papers which was published at once in Berlin and copied in almost all the other papers all over the Empire. The first telegrams of congratulations came from Berlin friends and the first arrived before I knew that my article had been printed. Oscar had to do a lot of correcting but the last part of my letter where

I gave the reporters a nice little blow off he left exactly as I had written it and I had the laughers all on my side. The papers which brought out Mr. Valentine's article first not only had the grace to copy my article in full but said that they had thought from the first that there had been some mistake somewhere. They paid me too the very highest compliment about my article. Oscar is furious and says that the best thing Mr. Valentine could do, would be to blow his brains out; he would probably think differently about it if his brains were to have the shooting party. I will enclose a short letter from Mr. v. Fodor. I

sent him some of the awful articles and what I wrote as I wanted to hear his opinion. You can see what he thinks of Mr. Valentine. Mr. v. Fodor wrote an article about Father in German which appeared in a Budapest papers which was capital. No gushing but plain facts, just as I think Father would like to have had it. Even if he did try to advertise himself, he was a good friend and a sensible one if Mr. V. had tried to write any harmful trash in Hungary Mr. von Fodor would have been there to save the day. You remember I told you that army people are not supposed to move in such circles as the Rathenaus etc. The subject was brought up in a law suit the other day and shows

several photographs which will interest you so I will send them along as soon as I get back to Mülhausen. You ought to see how my mail matter has increased since my article appeared. Letters of sympathy, letters of congratulations, begging letters, letters from fake inventors, letters from papers wishing for articles about Father etc. etc. I hope soon to get back to my old peaceful oblivion otherwise I would have to look about for a secretary so that I could attend to my other duties. I suppose you were all happy to get home again, particularly Madeleine and Theodore. Glenmont is such a lovely home, it is no wonder that they are fond

that our impression is right although of course there is no law, at least no written one, forbidding officers to associate with that class of people. In the law suit it was mentioned that a colonel had forbidden his regiment to accept invitations to the house of a very rich jewish family in Berlin the Hertheims.

Of course the Rathenaus etc were brought into the articles about Father. They were spoken of very slightingly, saying that every one knows their past and that if Father had called the Germans dishonest in their business methods, he must have received the impression from them. We have

of it. Still I think it is a pity that you could not persuade Madeleine to remain over here for the winter. If anything could have gotten her mind off of John, it would be to have thrown her constantly with our young lieutenants. I thought of it the other evening when a lot of them were with us. They are so full of life and energy and so stunning in their uniforms that if Madeleine had seen much of them she could not have helped comparing John to them when she returned home and she might have been brought to see that perhaps her choice is not a wise one. She could have had as much dancing too as

she wanted and everybody would have done all they could to make her happy. The men have tried to tease me; they say that if I had chaperoned Madeleine to balls and dances that I would all at once advance to the rank of "Ball Mother" and have to sit quietly with the other sufferers. Please show this letter to Father as it is meant for him too. I meant to write him extra but I have so many letters to write and I have written everything in this letter which would be of the slightest interest to him. I am afraid I did not half thank him for all his kindness to us. We will never forget how dear you were to us too. Oscar joins me in sending love to you all

Affectionately
Marion.

[INCOMPLETE]

I know it is a disgrace. I could[2] have practised with the American Dentists but you cannot say much with a piece of rubber and a clamp in your mouth. Oscar joins me in sending you all our love. Your lovely letters to him have won for you a warm place in his heart and he always speaks of "Mother Edison" in a tone of affection. Hoping above all things for a change of weather and that you will have a lovely time wherever you are, I am as ever,

Yours lovingly
Marion.

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it was found quietly reposing in the drawer of your writing table. Now please don't let Oscar's letter meet the same fate, as it is really quite heroic to get up gumption enough to write a letter by such heat. I wonder what you will think when you see what a horrid grinning skeleton I have in my closet. It would be a tragedy if it wasn't too absurd. You will hardly believe it but am forgetting my English. I would never have had the courage to tell you but it is better to give you a little warning so that you will not be too much shocked when we meet. They say I speak German with an English accent and English with a German one.

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Müllhausen

MODENHEIMERSTRASSE 4

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My dear Mina,

If I could only keep my writing down to this size I would only need about half as much writing paper in a year as I do when I write the size which comes natural to me. Otherwise it is a very good thing when I have nothing or little to write to be able to spin a few words out to a four paged letter. I hope that this letter will not turn out half as tired and sleepy as I feel. Last evening we gave a dinner and two of the men remained until 5,45 o'clock this morning! Sometimes some of the owls (there are lots of them among the officers) come home with Oscar at all hours of the night or morning and make me get up. If I strike they almost pound the door down so I get up to have peace as I am afraid of their disturbing our neighbors. The cap Madeleine made me is a blessing on such occasions as a badly dressed head looks quite presentable under the lace and tulle. The men call these

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nightly visits American call-
ing hours but I have told them
that not even our Indians are
so uncivilized. Usually I dread
a day alone but now I am glad
to have a quiet time after such
a noisy night. It seems almost
like a treat. I am so glad to see
from your letter that Grand-
mother is out of danger. Please
give her a heart full of love
from me if you are in Akron
and tell her how happy I was to
hear that she is so much
better. I wonder why the doctors
did not set her hip. She can
live still many years. I often
read in the papers of old ladies
celebrating their 100th birthday or
even one or two years more. It
seems so awful if she could never

walk again. Of course if several
doctors agreed on that point then
they are probably right. Nothing
has shaken my faith so much
as hearing the opinion of several
doctors as to the right treatment
of one and the same malady.
If they ever agree it seems only
to be mere chance. Now I must
come to the thing which is
causing me so much worry
and if you are at home I hope
you will help me by speaking
to Father. Poor man I suppose
he has troubles enough of his
own and I am really sorry
to annoy him when as you
write his business affairs are
not doing very well. Father
has not sent me the 10000 mks.
he promised me in Dresden and

house and the $5000 phonograph bonds which you and Father gave me as a Christmas present were almost worthless a few months later. You can see Mma that it was quite out of the question for us to have bought a new car ourselves as Oscar's money is all tied up in the Nensalza factory. When Father promised us in 1906 the sum of $5500 for a new car and a trip through Europe I said to Oscar that we had better wait until the money came before buying the car. I know how impulsive and generous Father is. As soon as he has a stroke of good luck, he wants to make some-

I do not know where I am to take the money from to pay for our new car and the Motor factory wrote us yesterday the first unpleasant letter. The money was due them a month ago so I dread the letters which are probably to follow. The first payment was made when we ordered it. It was taken from what I call my villa money, this is a nice patient cow which has often been milked when we needed ready money. I did not mind that so much but I do mind selling any of my government bonds as all I have $21.000 which is a small sum for the time when I am old and perhaps alone. I only received $1000 for the Menlo

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one else share it with him 7
and then later when he wants
to carry out his promise his
luck has changed and he is
unable to do so. I am sure
that he will not think that I
have not been patient as his
letter was written six years
ago and our old car was no
credit to an officer's family
still less to the name of Edison.
It was known as the "Edison
car" all over Elsass. As you
were so good as to suggest
buying the car to Father I feel
sure you will say a good
word to him for me as you
meant to have it give me
pleasure and not have it
a source of worry to me. I will
write a few lines to Mr. Miller 8
as you may be in Akron which
would delay matters. Mr. von
Fodor has sent Oscar two
etchings of the painter Oeser
which were found in an an-
tiquity shop in Pressburg. We
were delighted and have had
them framed just as they would
have been in his day, 200 years
ago. You will do me the greatest
possible favor if you would write
to Oscar or to me a few lines
as soon as you have spoken to
Father or have shown him this
letter. You will understand
that what he says is of the
greatest importance to me.
Hoping you are all well and
with lots of love to all from us
both Ever affectionately yours
Marion

File with Mrs. Marvin's letters.

The Peerless
1425 Washington St.
Denver, Colo.

My dear Mrs Edwin:

I was hoping to hear from you about your visit with Marvin. I have heard from the dear girl, and she sent me a lovely picture of herself, also one of the family group, taken before fronting. I was so glad to have it, and prize it very highly. We left Montclair, as we nearly perished, it was so cold there. Harry broke

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a position on Pear Magic, which
promised well, but proved a failure.
It has advertised, and is now with
"The Denver Gas, and Electric Co." and
we have a tiny flat in Denver,
Tom has been very, very sick, the Dr
feared his disease had affected his
throat, it has now healed, but
he is very weak, and needs my constant
care. He will be twenty three of his
birthday, which is Decoration day.
I am going to ask, if you and
Mr Edison will give him your
photographs. Will you autograph
on them, it would make the
poor boy so happy, he has so little

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anything in this life, and I fear
has not a great while to live. I
am trying to sell my houses 103 &
105 Little Vernon Ave, I cannot
afford to hold them, as there is
a mortgage for $400. on them,
they cost me $900, I hoped to live
in one of them, but God willed
otherwise. I rent for instal $10.00
every six months, and then are the
taxes, so if I could sell, I could
pay my debts, and buy a small
home, for us to live in. Do you
suppose Mr Edison would buy
them! They are in a good location,
and rent well, at $37.50 a month

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are always perfect, the mortgage must be left on, it is held by the "Half Dime Savings Bank," Orange N.J. and I would have $500, My agents are Fell & Dennis 343 Main St., East Orange. Please excuse me for troubling you, but if you only knew how I have suffered, Harry's salary is but $80 a month, which is not much for three to live on, with one under the Dr's care, he has to do without many things. Again I ask you to please excuse me, hoping you all are well, I am with much love

Yours sincerely

Josephine L. von Renner

May 15th 1912.

[TRANSLATION FOLLOWS]

Hotel Römischer Kaiser

~~MODENHEIMERSTRASSE 4~~

Freiburg, Baden

16.8.14

Mein lieber Vater,

Englische Briefe werden während des Krieges nicht befördert. Ich möchte Euch aber nicht ohne Nachricht lassen. Es wird sich jemanden leicht finden lassen der meine Zeilen übersetzen kann. Eine schreckliche Zeit ist herangebrochen. Es graut mir förmlich vor allem was noch kommen muss. Genug hat man schon erlebt. Officieren haben er-

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[TRANSLATION FOLLOWS]

zählt dass Franzosen, verwundete[2] Deutschen Soldaten, die Augen ausgestochen haben! Die Flieger sagen, dass Mülhausen teilweise in Trümmern liegt. Wo Oscar ist, weiss ich nicht. Ob unser Haus noch steht, weiss eben so wenig. Es wird unsagbares Elend geben auf Jahre hinaus. Ich bin in einer schrecklichen Nacht von 10 Tagen von Oscar per Auto hierher gebracht, wo ich ziemlich sicher bin. Gnade deswegen sind sehr viele Rotekreuz Krankenhäuser. Ich werde wahrscheinlich viel schrecklicher erleben. Die ersten Tage hier habe ich fast immer zu geweint, denn ich kannte Niemanden und war in grosse Sorge. Jetzt fühle ich mich nicht ganz so verlassen, denn jetzt sind einige bekannte Officiere[3] hier die neue Soldaten ausbilden um die gefallenen Soldaten zu ersetzen. Die Deutschen sind eine fractvolle Rasse. Officier wie Soldat brennt dem Feinde gegenüber stehen zu können. Unser Bursche bat um abgelöst zu werden als Bursche (ein Bursche ist ein Officiers Diener) um zurück zum Regiment zu gehen um mitkämpfen zu können. Mit solcher Begeisterung, müssen die Deutschen siegen! Es soll Napoleons ganze Grösse sein dass er es verstanden hat solche Begeisterung bei seinen Soldaten hervorzurufen. Briefe aus Amerika werden nicht befördert. Hoffentlich seid Ihr alle gesund und wohlauf. Viele, herzliche Grüsse an alle

Dein Marion.

[TRANSLATION]

Officers told us that French soldiers stabbed the eyes of the German wounded. The aviators report that parts of Mülhausen are ~~burning~~ in ruins. Where Oskar is I do not know. Whether our house is still standing, I know just as little. There will be unspeakable misery for years to come.

I came here 10 days ago in a terrible night. Oskar brought me here in an Auto, and I am rather safe now. For this reason there are a great number of Red-cross hospitals here. I suppose I

GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK, ORANGE
NEW JERSEY

English letters are not being forwarded during the war, but I did not want to leave you without news. I am sure somebody will easily be found who might translate these few lines of mine to you. A terrible era has commenced; one really shudders thinking of what else may be happening. What we have experienced so far is enough already.

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[TRANSLATION]

will have many terrible experiences.
The first days I was here, I cried al-
most all the time, for I did not
know anybody and was in grave fear.
I dont feel as lonesome anymore now,
because there are now a few officers
I know, training the new Soldiers.
The Germans are a wonderful race;
officers as well as soldiers are burning
from ~~anxiety~~ eagerness to face the enemy.
One man asked to be released, that he
might return to his regiment and
take part in the battle. With such
an enthousiasm Germany will come
out victorious! Napoleon is said
to have owed his entire success to
the fact, that he knew how to kindle
the enthousiasm of his soldiers.
Letters from Amerika do not arrive.
I hope you are all well and in
good health.

home. Last week Oct. 26th your letter of May 31st received! That breaks the record, usually letters get through within two months. Please tell the best and dearest of fathers that I thank him with all my heart for his kindness in increasing my allowance. It will help me very much in getting together the sum I need to build my long dreamed of home. After years of living in other peoples houses and being sent from one city to another

Eichwald
29.10.16

file
Mrs. Oraer.

Dear Mr. Miller.

Through the kindness of a friend in Switzerland I am able to send this letter from there and so feel sure it will reach you. There seems to be no use in trying to get letters through if stamped in Germany. Many letters are held back as can be seen from the questions from friends why I do not write. Perhaps I am myself to blame quite natural that English people are doing not like to have natural courtesies shown them. Perhaps are being done with vessels

I am happy in the thought[3] of having a home of my own. My husband I hope will want to have a rest from military life when the war is over. It was a very good idea to have the remittance sent as a letter of credit. As I wrote, a check turned up some time after the Bank advised me that they had a letter of credit for me payable within six months. Please excuse repetions as I am never sure if my letters reach you. I wrote that 3 months allowance had been held back. Now only two are missing as one has turned up since I wrote you. Please make sure that these two checks have not been drawn from Fathers account. Through the increased allowance I have had no loss but we must look[4] out that Father has no loss either. If it is necessary to write to the Dresdner Bank about it I advise you to send your letter to some branch in a neutral country. Please dont forget me when it is time for a new letter of credit. The first payment was made July 22nd. If Father has 5 minutes to spare please show him this letter. I am so discouraged about my letters and am so afraid no word of thanks reach him. I would not like to have him think I take everything for granted. With kindest regards to yourself and my love to Father and the family I remain

Yours sincerely

Marion E. Oeser.

P.S. This letter was returned to me by my friend. He begs me to write nothing about the war or he cannot forward it. Will try to have it sent from Germany, perhaps it will get through. The oftener I write the more chance there is of something reaching you. Will write another letter for Switzerland.

Bâle, June 28th, 1917.

Dearest Father, dearest Mina,

I am delighted to be in Switzerland again for a change and am taking this opportunity of dictating a few lines to you. My future address is Hotel Schweizerhof, Bâle, Switzerland. Kindly ask Mr. Miller to advise magazines and weeklies of my new address. Have missed them so much when travelling.

I am greatly worried about Charles and Theodore. Please let me know as soon as possible if they are still at home. I see I am often in your thoughts and I thank you so much for your goodness to me. Mina's Xmas letter, Father's Xmas remembrance and the lovely photographs made me very happy. I get so homesick at times that I am overjoyed to have news from home and to see that you have not forgotten me.

With love and kisses to all and hoping you are all well and free from any new worries, I am as ever,

Your loving daughter,

Marion.

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EXPORT DIVISION OF THOMAS A. EDISON, Inc.

DIVISION: EDISON LABORATORY

Memo. No.

SUBJECT:

Date July 5th 1917.

Mr. W. H. Meadowcroft:-

I hand you herewith original cable addressed to Mr. Edison, dated Bale (Switzerland), July 1st, also copy of Mr. Edison's reply as forwarded by us.

WALTER STEVENS

WS/C

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Marion Oeser

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All well do you want anything-

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MARION OESER

Mrs. Oeser's letter

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To MARION OESER

HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF BASLE (SWITZERLAND)

ALL WELL DO YOU WANT ANYTHING

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Hotel Schweizerhof
Am Schweizerischen Bundesbahnhof

E. Gätzinger, Besitzer

Basel, den 2ten Oct. 1917

Dearest Father, dearest Mina,

You can imagine my happiness yesterday as I arrived here after an absence of three months to find a whole stack of your letters, magazines and papers. Still that did not keep me from crying over Mina's letters and I had to leave the hotel with red eyes and nose. Mina dear what you write is just what I have thought and felt ever since the war began. Perhaps I have felt things more intensely being so near the suffering line. What makes me so inconsolable now after reading Mina's letter is that Charles and Theodore are planning to enter the army. Oh the pity of it! Why can we not be blessed with peace and an end to all the misery! Just now the boys are such a help and comfort to Father to have them sent to Europe for Heaven knows how long. If many people believe that we are to have peace in this year well I don't. I must repeat what I wrote in my letter to Mr. Miller as many letters they say get lost. Mina's letters No. 1 and 2 arrived safely. Other letters as well

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which I had expected with
the exception of one from
Aunt Mary as I had begged
her to send me Grace's address
as I wanted to thank her for
the invitation to her wed-
ding which got lost. I did not
want Grace to think that I
had received it and would
not take the trouble to con-
gratulate her. You seemed
surprised that my last
letter was so short and con-
tained so little news. I
wanted to write as an Ameri-
can travelling in Europe as
I did not want Censor to think
me as anything but an
American which I still am
at heart. My pass was given
to me while I promised
not to write anything about

the war at all and I must keep
my promise. To come to Basel
oftener than every few months
would be to arouse German
suspicion. I speak German
with such a decidedly
English accent that I am
often look at suspiciously
by the German officials who
examine my papers and
my handbag. All the coun-
tries at war have what they
call agents in neutral coun-
tries, if I did the least thing
to arouse their suspicions
my pass would perhaps be
taken away from me. My
old darling says that these
men are glad to find any
one whom they can denounce
just to show how necessary
and useful they are to the

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Basel, den

government. I am even afraid to call on my old friend Frau Jaeckle on account of her name and while she always brings me together with Americans. I dont even dare to send my magazines and papers to the Consul hier then the porter here can be one of these agents for all I know. Again I must repeat. Father dear I give you my word of honor that not one cent of American money will be used to buy war funds. I have asked the Miller to have my remittance sent

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in January direct to the Swiss Bank Corporation here in Basel as the money will then be put at interest for me until I come. The checks would only accumulate here at the hotel. Although I dread each time the thought of coming I plan to come again in Dec. or Jan. in hopes of finding home letters. To be without news for so long is bad enough. Dont forget to write when the boys enter the army and above all when they sail for Europe. Just think of their throwing down bombs in Alsace. There are awful complications in this atrocious war. Poor little Switzerland is having a hard time of it too. Do send

them some food if you
have any left over. I have
a new fur cape good enough
for a princess but a good
square meal is something
so rare that I have even
forgotten how it looks. Still
I am not to be pitied, haven't
eaten as much as I wanted
for 10 years for fear of getting
too stout. Did Mr. Holland's
secretary or whatever he was
call on you? Frau Jaeckle
asked him to meet me at
her home as he said it was
quite likely that he could
find time to go to Orange
to give you news of us. I was
so nervous for fear of missing
my train that I did not tell
him half the things I want-
ed him to say to you. I tried
in every way to get my new

address to you so that you could
write about the boys. One thing
I must explain. I lost my friend
at the Post Office who used to
send my letters to America.
I cannot blame him for going
back on me. During his va-
cation I sent a letter to you
and this letter was opened
by the man who was there
in his place. This was before
the war broke out in America.
I wrote several things in
this letter which I ought not
to have written and of course
it made trouble for our friend.
It was a breach of confidence
and something I deeply
regret and do not like to
think about. I tried sending
you a letter from Bremen,
war broke out and the ship
did not sail. I was half wild

as I did not know what you would think of me for not writing so long. Oscar has grown old during the war, you would hardly know him. He has a rage for saving money, seems to think we will all be ruined. I tell him to save all he can from his money but I want to have the few comforts money can buy, he is a dear fellow, lets me do what I want to and looks out that I have lots of things which only a few mortals can have these days. Dearest Mina could you not make it possible that I find a nice, long, newsy letter and a few photographs there when I come the next time? I would

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so like pictures of Theodore and the baby as I have no idea how they look now. I would so like a family group and a picture of the sitting-room which I have never seen. Madeleine as sister would not mind taking the trouble to pack them. You are such a busy woman Mina dear that you could hardly find time for such things. I was so happy to receive such good news of Father, it is not often that I have an cause to be happy, Oscar is daily in danger I could write you many interesting things but I must not forget my promise. Much love to all the family particularly to you dear dear Father and you dearest Mina from

Your loving daughter
Marion

Love to all from Oscar.

Hotel Krenk
Neuenbong, Baden
20.12.18

Dearest Father, dearest Mina.

A few words in haste, if I take time to write a long letter as I would like to I might miss the chance of getting this letter off. Dark clouds are hanging over Germany. Food scarce, sickness everywhere and money seems to have no value. Oscar is in a hospital, his nerves broke down about two

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weeks ago. He has grown thin in this short time and his hair has grown white. You would not know him. I keep well but that is about the only thing for which I have to be grateful. It was impossible for me to get into Switzerland again as they want no strangers on account of their scarcity of food. Help from America and peace will change all this and I will go to Bâle as soon as I can. My address is ~~Swiss Hotel Schweizerhof Bank Corporation~~, Bâle (Basel). Please tell Mr. Miller to send nothing to Germany. I have used up most

of my "own" home money during the war and I don't see why I should be forced to pay other peoples debts. If I don't build my own home soon I may never live to have one. Over in Richmond the Stars and Stripes are flattering in the wind! When I at last receive home news again I hope to hear only good news, that you are all well and that none of the boys had to enter the army. So one and kisses to you both and to all the others.

Ever your loving daughter

Marion

Are you, dear Mina, and Connie Edith forgetting me? There were no answers to my last letter from Switzerland. I am afraid that letter got lost.

Würzburg

Mar. 9th 1920.

Dearest Father, dearest Mina,

Although I have had no letter from home for such a long time I have heard through Edith and Mr. Miller that you are all well and things at home are as usual. I wish I could write you the same of Oscar and me. Since last June I have been very unhappy. I wanted to write you when we were in Bale but we arrived there so late and had to leave so early that I could only find time for a letter to Mr. Miller which I scratched off in a few minutes. Aunt Alice never received the letter it seems which I sent her from Germany so that I have written none from here since then. Probably the post office girls think it is patriotic to confiscate American letters.

use the stamps themselves and throw the letters away. To tell the truth I have had enough of Germany and the Germans to last me for the rest of my life. Instead of celebrating our silver wedding next October we are parting. The war has caused more miseries than those of the battlefields. Oscar has not been much of a credit to us during the war. Our home in Mülhausen was the meeting place for crowds of Officers with their mistresses. Oscar was like a changed man, although I felt that something was wrong I did not know what it could be. His treatment only added to the other miseries caused by the war. In June I found some disgusting photographs in his desk. That made me ask questions and within a week I found out enough. After standing it until November I left home and gave the whole thing into my lawyers hands. Having lived with him 4 months after having found out about his life during the war in Mülhausen my lawyer said it would be more difficult to get a divorce than

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it would have been if I had
sued for a divorce at once.
He says that the number of di-
vorces during and since the
war are so appalling that the
courts are doing all they can
to put a stop to it. Oscar made
a great mistake in November.
As soon as he found out where
I was living he came with a
gun and forced me to write a
letter recalling my suit and
made me return home with
him. There are lots of witnesses
to the truth of this statement
and my lawyer says it will
make a very bad impression
and will be very much in my
favor. I left home the second
time in January and only my
lawyer and two well tried
friends know where I am. No
danger of his finding me this
time. My darling Father for your
sake and for our honored name
I was willing to sacrifice my
peace of mind and happiness
and remain with Oscar but I
soon saw and realized that
the sacrifice would be in vain.
The whole affair was too well
known. My cook knew before
I did that Oscar's mistress was
a waitress in a Bierhaus in
Wilhelmsen. Now Oscar tries
to turn the tables and says that
Major von Witzleben was my
lover. That is an old trick my
lawyer says and would have
had no weight with the court.
Oscar's lawyer must be of the
same opinion for he has not
brought up anything of that
kind against me. A much better
card for them to play is that
I remained so long with Oscar
and that I had no right later
to change my mind. That is the
only thing which can hurt my
case. Well even if the law does not
separate us I will never go back
to him. I have been estranged
from him for 5 years, his treat-
ment of me made me very un-
happy. An American does every
thing in his power to give his
wife every comfort and luxury
but this German would not
even let me have the money
which belonged to me. He only
gave me enough of my money
to pay for the most necessary
things and even that was not
always the case. Many times
I was not able to pay my maid
or for my meals at the inn
in Eichwald. My maid once
said to me that her mother
who was only a peasant woman

Well he has a cool head, 6
talks about the two divorces
as if they were the present
rage and of no consequences
whatsoever. He invites me
to come to him as it must
be so lonely for me being so
far away from my friends
he writes. He does not in the
least take Oscar's part al-
though he ought to as a bro-
ther. Even if I cannot get my
divorce I am not going back
to Oscar. There is no love in
my heart for him left and
I want to get far away from
him where I can forget him
and what I have suffered
through him. Even during
the years 1916 to 1919 when
he treated me so badly I
still loved him and I never
heard the roar of the cannon
in the Vosges without fearing
for his life. It is a blessing
that I no longer love him for
he has it no more in his power
to make me unhappy. I am
sleeping better than I have
had more money in her pocket
book than I had. At the same
time he refused to buy me a
tiny chain I wanted. He gave
his mistress a gold bracelet
with a watch. He says he bought
it with Belgian money and not
with mine. Well it is disgust-
ing enough in any case. You
see Father and Mama that I
have too much to forgive
ever to be happy again with
Oscar. My Oscar of happier
days exists no more. We were
like two lovers until the war
began. No marriage could
have been happier and so I
cannot understand how it
could end so. My poor young
sister-in-law is going through
the same misery. She will
have no difficulty in getting
her divorce as she did not
wait as I did. Poor Mother Oeser
she is quite miserable and I
know of no way to console
her. We are very fond of each
other and I will never go back
on her as long as I live. Fritz
(my brother-in-law) wrote me a
lovely letter a few days ago.
My lawyer forwards my mail.

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for years and that means so much to me. I have found out too how many friends I have during my trouble. My future is very uncertain sometimes I think it would be better to go back home, perhaps to Aunt Alice or live in the little Edison home in Milan in case it is rented to strangers. Conditions are almost unbearable here in Germany. I am living in the best hotel here. There is a Japan Prince and 2 French Officers living on the same floor but although it under zero we have no heat anywhere in the hotel. There is no warm bath to be had either. I am sitting in my furs and my hands are almost stiff with the cold. Black coffee and bread with jam makes up my breakfast daily. The other two meals are better than they were in Baden. The poor people are having a awful time of it. Most things are 15 times as dear as they used to be. When I change my Swiss money into German money I feel rich but when you have to pay 15 times as much for everything as before the war you have less instead of more. Anna dear please write me soon a nice long letter, you haven't written for ages and I am always so interested in what you are all doing at home and how you all are. How are the babies? Haven't you any photographs to send me? My address still remains Hotel Schweizerhof. Bâle. The friend who is taking this letter with him to Switzerland leaves for north Germany to make his home there. I can probably go to Bâle myself in a few weeks. March 16 will be a very exciting day for me. I am glad I have nothing personally to do in the matter. Hoping this will find you all well and with love and kisses to all I am as ever your grateful and loving daughter Marion.

Würzburg April 1st 1920

Please address
c.o. Herrn Mutter
Freiburg, Breisgau
Kaiser Str. 151

Dearest Father, dearest Mina,

I have had an awful night and my head is not clear enough to write a long letter. Only a few lines which I want to get off as soon as possible. Last evening I received a letter from my mother-in-law which was much worse even than I had expected. Oscar has succeeded in making her believe all the awful things about me which he has been trying for months to make other people believe. My lawyer prepared me for

that but I could not believe that Oscar would act so after my two attempts to end my life. He has left nothing undone to force me to return to him. The first time he succeed with the aid of his gun because I was really afraid he would shoot us both. My mother-in-law writes that if I do not return to Oscar before Easter she is going to write you that I had a love affair with a doctor before the war began. Oscar must have told her to write that and she got things mixed up. No doctor ever entered our house before the war began but our old bald-headed doctor Puschle. I n Eichwald many doctors who where

resting there called. al-
though Oscar pretends to love
me he is telling everybody
that I have had 6 lovers,
the doctor it seems comes
extra. A pock-marked
woman who during the
years between 40 & 47 who
could seduce so many
men would be a modern
world wonder! It seems
queer that he lets his
lawyer say nothing of
the kind in his defense.
I am going to send you
both papers translated
by a person who has no
interest in changing
anything. I am going to
have a letter from Fritz
my brother-in-law trans-
lated for you too. He is
entirely on my side and
quite understands that
I refuse to live an un-
happy life at Oscar's side
because Oscar needs my
money. From Fritz's letter
you can see for yourself
that Oscar's main worry in
losing me is that my
money in the future be-
longs to me instead of to
him. He has a pension of
6000 mks. and Fritz says
he can get along on that
very well. Have you receiv-
ed my long letter which
I had posted in Bâle? I was
so happy to receive Mina's
dear long letter which I
will soon answer. I am
going to have this letter
addressed by a native per-
haps there are more chances
of its getting through. Awful
times in Germany. I would'nt
care a straw if they blow the
whole hotel up. I have had
enough of Germany and the
Germans. I cried over the address
on Mina's letters. The hand-writing
took me back to the days of my
youth when I made a great mis-
take. Love and kisses to all from
your unhappy daughter Marion

Eisenach

May 12th 1920

Dearest Father, dearest Mina

Please excuse this purple ink. "Salon ink for fine people" is printed in German on the label. After seeing the men here wear grass-green overcoats and even a man in Stuttgart had the courage to appear in a swell tea room in a purple one, I am getting used to all sorts of queer things. Unfortunately the queerest things of all are of more importance. Two French Officers, a Saxon Prince (a student) froze all through February and part of March because at the only hotel where you could get enough to eat they had no coal for the furnace. The public baths were closed and no baths to be had at the hotel either. I went to bed at any hour of the day to get warm and drank between times hot red wine which did not agree with me. I dont believe I will ever learn to drink wine. I suppose you would smile at what I call a hotel where you could get enough to eat. Unless a girl friend of mine had made me a present of some butter my breakfast consisted for the two months I was there of two slices of black bread, coffee with saccarine and skimmed milk and jam. I had a stroke of luck here in Eisenach, the city has just received a large

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quantity of[3] condensed milk and have bought a lot to take back with me to Würzburg. I came here for a little change. There is a South house built before America was discovered and on a high hill near the city stands the Hartburg where Luther was kept a prisoner for his own protection over 2 years. Wonderfully beautiful is the big room in the castle which we have so often seen in Tannhäuser. I go to see everything worth seeing for I want as little time as possible to think of my trouble. Just think of it the teacher of English who undertook to translate my papers for you had not yet finished them when he I left Würzburg although he had had them almost four weeks. I would have translated them myself but I want

ed a stranger[4] to do it so that you could see that the translation had been influenced by the wish to make you see my side of the question. I have written several times. Have you received the photographs of Oscar with his mistress? Have you received the translation of my brother-in-laws letter in which can be seen that Oscar's one worry is that he cannot live on his pension? When it comes to money matters the Germans are the meanest people under the sun. Although Oscar knew that I alone would be able to pay the mortgage on our villa he had it put half in his name so that when we sell now he will get half of the money which I had to pay. I feel sure he only did it because he knew

makes me so unhappy is the awful things which Oscar is saying of me. My brother-in-law does not believe he will write you these things but if he does he is going to write you, Father dear, and he says as he himself is a judge you will lay some weight to what he has to say on the subject. An Officer who knows Oscar very well said to me in Würzburg that Oscar lies like print (er lügt wie gedruckt). He is not the only German who has learned to do that. Soldiers who were born and brought up in Alsace told me some awful things. German soldiers would feel themselves very virtuous in such a case when they tell you a pack of lies. The Officers

that at any moment I might have discovered his affair with Clara Berger. I have received some new papers about my suit. Oscar's lawyer insists that I forgave him a second time! What do you say to that? That was the time he came with his gun and made me recall my suit. Fortunately my lawyer has a letter from me written shortly after returning home in which I wrote that I had been forced to write him to stop my suit, that I was watched like a prisoner and would leave home again as soon as I had a chance. From the very first my lawyer said that I must be prepared for a lot of lies so I would not wonder much at the truth being stretched a bit but what

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were not a bit better as far as I could see. Oscar "lost" 5000 mks. worth of War Fund Bonds. I am not at all sure that he did not give them to his servant friend. Waitresses are servants in spite of their silk gowns and valuable furs only they dont earn their money always in the way honest servants do. I was so delighted to get your long lovely letter from Florida. Thank you so much, dearest Mina, also for the photographs. How I wish I could have been down there with you and could have had a good talk. What a big heart you have, no letter from an own mother could have been sweeter. You try to help me to forgive and still show how well you understand my struggle in saying that you do not know if you yourself could forgive in such a case. What you write is true, Oscar was a dear husband and lover for many years and made me very happy. He is no more, he is so changed that I at times hardly know him. I cannot go back to him even if they are unjust enough not to give me my divorce. As to his good influence, it was no longer necessary after Father sent over Uncle Jim. I knew then that he had not gone back on me as Mrs. Earl said but still loved me and cared for my happiness. I have never forgotten that or what you dear, dear Father have done for me since. I am so glad to receive only good news from home. Do tell Madeleine to send me pictures of her babies, I am just as fond of babies as ever. With love to all I am as ever your loving and grateful daughter Marion

% Herrn Rechtsanwalt Mutter
Freiburg, Baden, Kaiser Str. 151.

Würzburg 13.8.20.

Sent Photograph Sept. 3-1920.

My dearest Mina,

Just a few words in haste. I must ask you to do me a favor. Please send the little photograph of Oscar sitting in a restaurant with Clara Berger to Herrn Rechtsanwalt Mutter, Freiburg, Baden, Kaiser Str. 151. Just send it off as 12-6630

soon as you possibly can, no
need to add an explanation. I
am so afraid you may have
destroyed it as it is the only copy
I have and it is of the greatest
importance for my suit. You know
I only forgave Oscar to avoid
the thing becoming known. These
pictures show how he deceived
me in saying that he had never
been seen with this woman.
I wrote a long letter some days
ago which I hope you have re-
ceived. Love to all. Affectionately
Marion.

Hotel Victoria
Stuttgart

11.9.20.

Dearest Mina,

This is one of Germany's largest cities and I am in my element although I do not believe that my nerves could stand it long. I am on my way south to meet my lawyer. It would have been too expensive for him to have come to me. We are to meet in Donaueschingen as I am afraid to go to Freiburg. A friend of mine a lawyer is coming with him. My girl friend from Müllheim is coming for a few days too

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and I am so happy at the prospects of seeing her again. She is a ray of sunshine and I cannot be glad enough that she came into my life when I most needed her. I am so afraid that my letter may have gone astray in which I asked you to enclose Oscar's photograph taken with C. Berger in a restaurant in an envelope and send it to my lawyer Herrn Mutter, 151 Kaiser St. Freiburg, Baden. This picture is of the greatest importance and I beg you to send it as soon as possible if you have not already done so. It is not necessary to write anything. Please make me happy with a letter and send it to Mrs. M. E. Edison Hotel Kronprinz, Würzburg, Bavaria. My lawyer's girls slip my letters into magazines and I am afraid of letters getting lost. I shall remain all winter probably in Würzburg. I have written several times and hope you have received everything. Love to all. Affectionately Mamond.

Hotel Kronprinz
Würzburg
Bavaria

30. 9. 20.

My dearest Mina,

How happy I was to receive your letter yesterday, relieved too as I was getting worried about the photograph. My lawyer said that you had not sent it to him so that I was afraid that you had thrown it away. I would have been no wonder. You are quite right, it is not a good thing to have such photographs near me, there is nothing like such things to keep the wounds from healing. Why Mina dear you could no more forgive Oscar than I can. You know I forgave him at first and was still loyal to him not even telling you or Father of my trouble. That is I did not write at all so as not to be tempted to tell you all, then besides, keeping things back and pretending you are happy when you are miserable is a form of lying too. I owe you and Father who are nearest and dearest to me the whole truth. As it is there are many things which I have kept back because I was afraid of making my letters too long. You are mistaken when you think that the war alone is to blame for Oscars behavior. On that point I have even tried to deceive myself. Now that I know that Oscar wanted to deceive me in 1912 when he tried to seduce Fritz's wife and about a year later had an affair with a woman in Müllhausen, there is no use trying to blame his actions on the war. He is simply a man who likes a change in women for he was still a very passionate lover at the time he had this affair in 1913 with this married woman in Müllhausen. His General received a letter about it and I

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was quite satisfied with Oscars
saying that he did not every
know such a woman. I found
out her name when I was in
Baden and the affair was
quite as well known in Mül-
hausen before the war as his
affair with Clara Berger during
the war. You know Mina people
have told me nothing until
I began to ask questions. Even
my best friend Frau Fritz told
me nothing although she
has known from the first of
Oscar's affair with Clara Berger.
You must not believe that I
have fallen under the influence
of people who want to make
trouble. Of course all people are
on my side and willing to help
me to get my freedom now that
they see that my heart is so
set on it. These photographs
are very valuable to me, show-
ing that Oscar deceived me
when he said that no one knew
of his affair and that he had
never been seen on the street
with Clara Berger. I know you

want to know what my law-
yer said so I would have
written even if I had had no
letter to answer. I think I wrote
you from Donaueschingen
but only a card. I was rather
nervous in Baden on account
of Oscar and glad to come
north again. That reminds me
of something which almost
sounds like a joke. A minister
in Müllheim wrote that if I
would consent to meet Oscar
to have a talk, Oscar would
promise me to carry no gun
or pistol with him! Well it
does not seem very funny to
me when I think of the day
when he came at about 7
o'clock in the morning to my
hotel in Freiburg and made
me recall my divorce suit
and return home with
him. My lawyer told me a few
weeks later when I left him
the second time that this
would make a very bad im-
pression on the judges and
would be very favorable for

mind from my trouble. I go
to the theatre, to concerts, to
lectures and have found a
shop which borrows books which
has an excellent English li-
brary and the newest German
books. I have made the ac-
quaintance of a very congenial
woman; she is unmarried
about my age and we have
become very good friends. She
brightens things up for me
too as we walk together and
we often go to the concerts
together. It has been a great
trial to me being so much
alone. I long so to be in my
sweet little home again.
It was an awful thing to have
to enter my home with Oscar.
You will remember that it was
the dream of my life to have
a home of my own and I have
been saving up for it for years.
I little thought that I would
enter it under such appalling
circumstances. Oscar only
tried to get it away from me,
he thought I would pay any

my case. Speaking of judges
reminds me of a queer coin-
cidence. You wrote of a judge
who would never grant a di-
vorce within a year. About
a week ago I kept my promise
to write Gertrud as soon as I
got back just what my lawyer
thought of my case. I wrote her
as a sort of explanation why
my case seems so endless
that I personally think it a
very wise thing for judges
to give people time to consider
if their decision to get a divorce
final is, a sort of protection
of people against themselves.
Then I added "I think the judges
make me wait on purpose. Now
after what you write I am
quite certain that it is so. Well
I have learned to be patient
and am contented in a mild
sort of way. I never realized
how handy friends I have
until this trouble came to me
and they keep me from being
unhappy. I think of Oscar as
little as possible and my life
is very full of things to keep my

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price for my freedom. She has no right to the whole house. She put it half in his name although it was paid for with my money. O I have lots to forgive Mina. How well you understand things. Although you plead for Oscar you can no more find any excuses or understand him than I can. I had a two hours talk with my lawyer in Baden-Baden. He thinks I am quite certain to get my divorce. Oscar's lawyer is very much disliked by the judges in Freiburg, Gertrud who was my witness told me the same thing. This is very favorable for me for this lawyer wrote in his defense that I had been unfaithful to Oscar. My lawyer says that it is an old trick to turn the tables and is not likely to influence the judges. Of course it is not a good thing that I am an American. The judges will be prejudiced even if they do not mean to be. My lawyer is a nice man and tried to console me. He said that there would not be a married woman to be found if every woman who's husband is unfaithful got a divorce! What do you say to that? She says I am lucky not to have caught some sexual disease as so many women did from their husbands during the war. Well nothing is so bad that it might not be worse. Mina dear think of my lonely Christmas in a hotel room with bare walls. I have only one wish and that is a few photographs from home. I had to leave everything behind. I would like a family group and a photograph of Madeleine's two darlings. I can put photographs on the walls with your drafts-man's pins without injuring them a bit. Please send letters to Mrs. M. E. Edison, Hotel Kronprinz, Würzburg, Baveria. I shall remain here all winter. I trust Father dear has straigtened things out at the works and doesn't have to work so hard. It is a blessing that he keeps so well and can stand so much hard work. With love to all Ever lovingly yours

Marion.

Hotel Zähringer Hof
Freiburg, Baden

Jan. 24th 1921.

My dearest Mina,

My head isn't clear enough for a letter but I do not want to wait another longer to tell you that the box of "love gifts" as they call them here in Germany has at last turned up and I am so delighted. I thank you with all my heart for so kindly thinking of me. They sent up the box yesterday but it must have come Saturday evening taking over 3 weeks to get from Haarbrung to Freiburg. Of course I made a big fuss about it and wrote and telegraphed in all

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directions. Soon I would have given up all hope as they were of the opinion here that it had gone astray. Thank you so much too Mina dear for your last letter which I will answer in a few days also for the Glenmont cable. I am not quite sure that it is quite the right thing for me to have come down here so near Oscar. He and Clara are constantly seen together and of course I hear more of such talk down here than I did in Würzburg. My insomnia is worse than ever and I am so tired after such a night that I will probably lie down on the sofa as soon as this card is finished although I have only just had breakfast. Well I might just as well be dead. Please on no account write to Oscar. He would only consider it an encouragement and my only hope of happiness is to forget him. I wrote you that the bright was the real thing. That is one thing to be thankful for. Again many thanks for all your goodness to me.

Love to all affectionately Marion.

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Freiburg
Baden May 31st

Dearest Mina,

As I did not get my usual Birthday letter this year I am wondering if you did not perhaps go to Florida. Down there it is probably easier to find time for letter writing. My last letter home was one to Madeleine. I have written you at least twice since Christmas. I wish I had some good news to write you. I have seen Oscar several times during the last two months. He has often cried when we were together and is very unhappy about our divorce. About 10 days ago his mistress was in Mülheim and passed 3 days with him in our villa. She probably had an awful scare when I appeared unexpectedly the day after she left. She would not let me in at the front door after I had waited a long time for the garden gate to open. It seems he wanted to gain time before letting me in. Then upstairs I saw something which seemed queer. Oscar never uses thin damask towels, he would never use any but those of very heavy, coarse linen. It surprised me to see two of my very finest towels hanging at the wash-stand in our bath-room. The married couple who are living in our second floor told me that Clara Berger had been with Oscar 3 days and that it would have been a good thing if I had come the day before. I cannot see it in that light. I do not care any more what he does. He will only lose the few friends he still has and I am sure he will feel very unhappy later. I am hoping he will come to his senses before he takes this woman to live with him, a wild marriage as they call it here is considered a great disgrace and his mother is

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still living. The lawyers say that I may probably get my divorce in June or July. I have had to pay very high for my liberty but it is cheap at any price as matters now stand. I am back here at this excellent hotel after having passed 4 weeks in a Sanatorium, a sort of home for sick people. I got rid of my asthma which was only nervous and then I had a Fibrom cut out at the back of my head which had grown rather too large. The doctor said that he could do nothing for my morning until my mind got quieted down. Oscar called twice at the Sanatorium and each time I got so excited that the doctor wanted to write him that he would not allow me to receive him any more. I wrote him myself and told him that my offer was more than generous and that I would make no more concessions. I had to go to Müllheim to bring him 9000 mks. to pay for our furniture from Müllhausen which they had sent c.o.d. This furniture is for Oscar so that he really cannot complain that I am not treating him generously. I only he and this girl would go away from here. I suppose it is a sin that I often wish he had been killed in the war and I had gone on believing him to be a good man. I have a new friend, a business man, who runs his father's factory in Saar not far from Freiburg. He takes very good care of me and my money affairs. He is advice has gained for me a lot of money. Oscar has heard of him of course and is afraid I am going to marry him. I would like to know what business it is of his and besides we never think of it seriously. He is too young and I would be a suspicious wife after my experiences with my own and other people's husbands. Please write me soon so as to console me for not having received a Birthday letter. A home letter cheers me up so much. How is Father dear getting on? He doesn't look a day older than he did 10 years ago. I cut the advertisement out of the Cosmopolitan and am glad to have a picture of him. Are the works really closed down? Much love to all ever affectionately Marion.

Are there any new babies?

know Mina dear that I am here to remain until I can go to live in my own home. You must have misunderstood me as I never thought of returning to Würzburg. I hope you received the letter I wrote you about a week ago. I hope too that Madelaine received my thanks for the Xmas card with her boys pictures. I have found at last a sweet little thin frame for them and all think that they are perfect darlings. I only wish I knew their names and ages. About one family picture I am quite unhappy and you have no idea how much it means to me to have to part with it. This picture is my favorite picture of Esther, she is standing with his hands in his trousers and

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11. 6. 27.

Dearest Mina,

Yesterday I received a card from an Express Co. in Hamburg saying that they had sent a box of Lietiesgaben to my address in Würzburg. Of course I was made very happy by your kind thought and wrote at once to Würzburg to have the box forwarded here as soon as it arrives. As it is almost a strait line Hamburg-Würzburg-Freiburg it does not make much difference that it was sent there instead of to Freiburg. You

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smiling one of his very 3
dearest smiles. It was taken
by Falk and was sent over
about 10 years ago or more.
My lawyer could not help
me when Oscar demanded
the whole ~~[illegible]~~ den with
everything in it except my
books which he does not
care about. I begged of him
to let me have this photo-
graph of Father but he re-
fused. You see Mina if
I had not given in in al-
most every case I could
never have obtained my
freedom because he had
such a powerful card in
his hand — my forgiveness.
If I were to make out a list
for you of all the things
which I shall have to give
him I am afraid you would
think I exaggerated. The
lawyers say that I will
probably get my divorce
before the courts close in
August. I am not so sure
but I have learned to be 4
patient. Well Mina dear do
you know was is probably
coming? There is no use guess-
ing. You would never even
think of such a thing. My
lawyer says that if I dont
live in my Villa as soon
as I get my divorce I may
lose my right to an apart-
ment and the town will
give it to someone else. As
far as I can see Oscar does
not want to move and
even if he did it would
be almost impossible to
get an apartment. Times are
awful in every way. If Sten-
mott was here you would
have to give up the top floor
entirely and rent some fur-
nished rooms. You would
enjoy that. To live again
in the same house with Oscar
not only seems queer and
unpleasant but I am sure
will create a sensation. Much
love to all but especially to Father
and many thanks for your kind-
ness in sending me the lot of goodies
Ever lovingly yours M Alion.

workmen demanded quite impossible wages. Mina dear I cannot understand why any of you could be in doubt about my address. I now keep a diary and can see just when I wrote you. I wrote you before Christmas that I was coming to this hotel in January. Then I wrote you Jan. 24th thanking you for the box of good things giving my new address. Then I wrote you again on the 7th of February. I wrote Madeleine in March, heading of course my letter with my address as I always do. On June the sixth I wrote you my last letter, saying that the box of Liebesgaben had left Hamburg. Cousin Edith I have not written for an age as I had no letter to answer. It was always such a treat to get a letter from her that I am awfully sorry that her last letter was sent back. Perhaps some over patriotic German at the post office sent it back in a fury because it pro-

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18.7.27.

Dearest Mina,

Your letter of June 30th came yesterday taking rather longer to come than letters usually do nowadays. I was so glad to get a home letter again after waiting so long. I would have only liked better news. Poor Father, I am so sorry he is being so worried. He really deserves to have an easier time of it after working so hard almost all his life. The papers stated that Mr Ford's works had been closed as well as many other factories. Of course we are getting used to that here. Some factories have had to close because they had no coal others because the

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bably had only a two cent stamp and costs 6 times as much together on postage as it used to do to send a letter from Germany to America. You know the Germans consider themselves beggars and the Americans as all millionaires. I have to pay 1,50 Om for all letters from home but only the porter seems to mind. Home letters are worth any sum to me so I do not mind in the least. To-day I have some very good news. I won my suit about a week ago and am very happy about it. I have none of the doubts you have. I could never have been happy again with Oscar or what is more could have trusted him. He has this women still and she visited him three days in our home. This is not gossip but a fact. I do not think that I shall ever regret the step I took when I left him. Why I can even sleep better already because I no longer care what he does. I have lots of good friends and they do not give me much time to feel lonely. I go to lots of teas and some days have so many callers that I cannot even get away for my walk. These are not formal calls and I am very fond of them. We even play poker and parchessi and manage to have a very good time of it. Oscar has been cut by all sides and feels the loneliness very much. Even Fritz refused his invitation to spend his vacation with him in Müllheim. Please excuse this blotting paper, we are getting used to such things here. Atrocious prices and poor quality. Now that the worst of goodies has come I want to repeat my thanks for your kind thoughts of me. Everything was greatly appreciated. The grocer sent the very best to be had, even the butter is still good in spite of the hot weather. Please give Cons my loves address and beg her to send me the letter which was returned. With love to all and hoping this will find you all well and Father cheered up I am as ever affectionately yours Marion.

trained here and then sent all over Baden. This wing was given to the institution by a rich German-American. How some good angel must have been watching over me on a certain afternoon when I decided to take a package of magazines to my friend Fil. Schutz who lived 25 years in England. She told me at once that she had heard of a very fine thing for me but that I must hurry if I wanted to have it as the Diakonissenhaus as this building is called was forced to give up all their spare rooms. It is awful here in Freiburg and people are living also like sardines in a box. As I had no right to an apartment having the villa it was a great stroke of luck that I could live here in pension. We came at once to look at it but I was rather disgusted to find a room like a ball room and the only thing which pleased me is a perfectly lovely veranda entirely shut in with glass windows. As soon as the inspector came I found out that old Count Roeder who has his rooms above mine had two

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Nov. 12th 1927

My dearest Mina,

Since my card sent from Müllheim you know that I now have a home of my own. You know how often in life we think something is going to be perfectly lovely and afterwards we are grieved at being so disappointed. That never spoils my good time however when I am looking forward to something nice. I praise the day before it is evening as long as the sun shines although there is a German saying that you must not do it. It is rather difficult to explain what my new home really is then we have nothing like it at home. This is a beautiful building a gift from a very rich man to protestant sisters who are

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rooms made out of his bigone
and now of course I am quite
delighted that I followed his
idea. I have a small but very
pretty bed-room and my
combination of drawing and
sitting room quite delight all
my friends. The food is excellent
that German-American, bless
him, spared no expense and
had very good taste. The lovely
view of the Black Forest moun-
tains and the large park are
two things which make my
rooms very attractive. The veran-
da must be lovely in summer.
It is too cold out there for us now,
but the Count has his heated
so that my plants have a very
nice place out there and can
be seen from my drawing
room. As I have my own fur-
niture, china and silver I
feel quite at home. The people
here are awfully nice to me
and my old friends do all they
can to cheer me up. My week
in Müllheim in the villa where
I was packing my things for
Freiburg was so awful that
I feel certain than nothing
worse can be in store for me
in the future even if I live to
be a hundred years old. Clara
Berger as you already know is
living with Oscar now. She looks

just what she is, has dyed hair
and dresses like a Paris Cocotte.
I had an awful experience with
her. She went one day to Freiburg
shopping and Oscar and I were
alone. I went to her bed to com-
pare her mattress with some
ticking which I had found out of
which the horsehair had been
taken. Under her mattress I found
a lot of very valuable wash, one
piece a hand made sofa pillow
case which had been made in
Ireland was among them and
could never be replaced. As all
my old fashioned open work
stockings, a theater cloak, all my
brown stockings, about 9 meters
of pink silk and lots of ~~stockings~~
body wash, new gloves etc. were
missing I knew who was the
thief. I looked over her room and
found lots of my things. I asked
Oscar if he knew anything about
them and he gave me his word
of honor that he knew nothing
about them. I doubted him be-
cause he had the keys not only
of my bed-room but my bureau
drawers as well. The next day I
came with a policeman who
found more of my wash in a
clothes basket. Now Mina dear
just put yourself in my place.
When Oscar, Clara Berger and
the policeman were together the
policeman asked Clara B. why
she took my wash, she said
Herr Oberst (Oscar) gave it to

so much on my side that 6
even strange women said
a few friendly words to me
and usually said that they
hoped I would soon come
back to Müllheim. Of course
people are now more convinced
than ever that the story
about Oscar is true that he
arranged the burglary in our
villa so as to get my silver
away from me. This is perfect
nonsense because the robber
has been punished and I got
most of my silver back. Of
course he did a lot of things
the days we were dividing our
things but he considered half
of everything his which we
bought since we were married
although there is no doubt about
the things having been bought
with my money. I am sure you
are now a very busy woman
with all your Christmas shop-
ping to be done but could'nt
you spare a little of your
time for me after Christmas
before you go down south? You
have no idea how happy you
could make me. What I want
is this, your photograph
sitting in a chair with a crêpe
de Chine dress on with flowers
and a dark hat. Of course I
would value it still more if you

her! Why my blood almost
froze. There are moments in life
which we never forget and this
will be one of them for me. All
the old love which was still
in my heart for Oscar perished
in that moment. Even to rob me
for this woman that was really
too much to bear. I begged of
him not to take this woman
into our home until we were
divorced and our things se-
parated but he said he could
not get along without her any
longer and refused my request.
All my friends and my lawy-
yer too think it was the very
best thing which could have
happened. Then they saw
through me that in spite of
my anger I still loved Oscar.
All said that I was much too
good to him. I have given
him so much that people
cannot understand me. Now
my heart is hardened and
his last letter I took no notice
of. He has gone out of my life
forever. It is no wonder you
do not understand him, no
body does. Of course in such
a small town as Müllheim
every one knew the next day
about the policeman and
the things which had been
stolen. All people were disgus-
ted and public opinion was

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signature was added. Then I
from Falk too Vater's photograph
taking standing with his hands
in his pockets and one of his
very loveliest of smiles. I want
particularly to have him
write on this picture "To my
daughter Marion from her
father Thomas A. Edison". Ever
since the time when you were
so near as Luzern and did
not come to Müllhausen
people are saying that I am
not really Fathers daughter,
otherwise he would have
visited me. It seems queer to have
to legitimise myself but I don't
very much like the idea of
being taken for an imposter.
I never mention Father my-
self although I am mighty
proud of him. I gained some
very good friends in Würzburg
although for months no one
new that I was related to
Father. The two pictures
which you sent some years
ago Oscar mounted upon
cardboard and I was quite un-
happy about having to give
them up. If you were to order
two copies from Falk through
the telephone and ask for
thick pasteboard it would not
be so much trouble then to
add signatures and send them
off to my new address. Another
wish is to have Father's biography
which Father sent us to Müll-
hausen some years ago. Oscar
has this too. He said I belonged
still to the family and he does
not want longer and that I
could get duplicates. I might
write to Mr. Miller about the
book but do be a dear and send
me the photographs. They
might turn up as a birthday
greeting and that would make
the day so much brighter.
Poor Edith I have been think-
ing so much about her since
Aunt Alice wrote me of Frank's
death. I wrote her at once a long
letter and was conscience
stricken at the time at writing
that I envied her. There are
worse things than have those
we love separated from us by
death. I hope you and all the
family are well and happy.
I am so sorry to hear there are
no new babies. When I come
home for a visit I want to find
a lot of nieces and nephews
to welcome me. Much love
to you and dear Father from
your devoted and affectionate
many many thanks for your last dear letter.

Marion.

The next day the fingers were such a sight that I almost fainted when I took a peep at them when the sister changed the bandage. There was a blister on my little finger as large as the finger itself and the first finger almost as bad. After 10 days I came home and went at once to our professor. The Diakonissenhaus has two professors and four doctors. This professor is a very famous man here in Germany, I will probably get that impression even if I did not know it when I get his bill. Any way he seems to have done the right thing although I mildly protested at having to wear a bandage which consisted mostly of salve for 6 weeks when he at last took the skin off no scar at all was to be seen. The skin is still red and very tender but in a month or two they say they will be quite white again. I am glad that it is over with. The pains lasted four days and four nights and then came the

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April 25th 1922.

Please tell Father that I was very much pleased to receive the Edison Pioneers and thank him for me. I hope he enjoyed the time visiting with Mr. Ford and Mr. Summers.

Dearest Mina,

Nothing very important has happened to me since I last wrote but lots of small things have. That is of course from the standpoint that things never seem half as bad as they were at the time they happened. As the villa is haunted in Müllheim I decided to sell it. I could never have been happy there after having seen Oscar living there with that woman. What I need is to get away from everything which reminds me of them. I had to go there for a few days to arrange matters and during the first week I burned my two nicest fingers on my right hand.

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weeks of helplessness when I could neither wash myself or dress my hair. I took daggers at the spirit lamp whichever I see it which caused all the trouble. The alcohol began to cook over which was bad enough but I in my excitement took an old napkin and tried to clap the lid over the burner. Of course the napkin caught fire and instead of dropping it on the table I did not let go of it until I got it to the floor a yard away. That is the thrifty German way of doing things. Better burn your hand which will heal again than burn a tablecloth or rug which won't. Great was the joy when I received word from the P. O. that there was a package for me from Orange and I had to go to the C. H. to open it. I thought at once that you had probably granted my request for home photographs for if you had sent a box of goodies they would have been sent to the freight C. H. Although I knew that I could not open anything with my bandaged hand I sailed off at once with a shawl strap and only hoped the vest. A gruff old C. H. Official became quite angelic when I showed him my bandaged hand. He said it was the publics business to open their packages but in my case he would make an exception. A young official came and in taking off the two or three yards of twine he noticed who had sent the package. The pictures created quite a sensation and no "business as usual" until the young man began to tie them up again. He had a lot of trouble getting it tied up again but he smiled as sweetly as if I had done him the greatest favor and assured me that he had done it with the greatest pleasure. They are as enthusiastic about Father in Germany as ever. No trace can be found of the trouble Mr. Valentine made for us in 1912. Although my newspaper article could have been written by a first class reporter and made up of 2/3 lies and 1/3 truth it did a lot of good here and articles very friendly in their tendency and pictures of Father often appear in the papers. When I wrote that article for "Der Tag"

in the picture you sent us some years ago. People say you look like 35 but you must have been 10 years older. Your eyes are just like the Countess Potocki's whose immortal beauty is shining above my desk. Perhaps I would not have noticed the likeness if you had not cast your eyes to the side as she did. I cannot half thank you for the pleasure you have given me by sending this collection of photographs. As I have received no answer to my last letter on the usual "Birthday letter" I felt that I had been forgotten at home and was very much cheered up at receiving such a token that it was not so. I know you must find it difficult to find time for letter-writing. It is a constant struggle to keep my friends satisfied. I have so much to do that the day is not half long enough for me. I am in a very nice set here and they are so sociable that they keep me busy. As I do not go out in

I understood for the first time in my life why reporters yield to the temptation to write so many harmless fibs. The plain facts are usually so awfully dry and besides they have often to write a long article when they know next to nothing what they are writing about. I have an article from a Brünn paper written in 1911 which is really a joke. It begins with the fact that Father was married in the early sixties. His oldest daughter Madeline who is a graduate of Bryn Mar married a short time ago Major Doeser! Well it would certainly have been high time for Madeline to have married if she was on her first matrimonial venture. Every one thinks the pictures are lovely and are very much interested. The large picture of Father with his very sweetest smile and the one of Jack II are the favorites. Although it is not quite clear I am very fond of the picture of you and Father, he sitting, you just behind him with your hand on his shoulder. You are much more beautiful than

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the evening all social life is crammed into the afternoon as there are no ladies lunches here in Germany. Most people are as poor as church mice, particularly those who used to be rich so that no big affairs are given any more. I try to dress as simply as possible so as to look as my friends do. My friend Countess Roedern wears a tailor-made suit four years old. Well that is not half as bad as some of my friends who are forced to live from their capital and do not know what is to become of them when it is all used up. Just think of it, Mina dear, Mr. Jordan has come into my life again. He is an old gentleman of 68 living with his sister Alma in Baden-Baden only a few hours from here. He came about 3 weeks ago to see me and we had a very nice day together. I would so liked to have married him if he had not been so old. I saw by his letters that he had hopes but I gave him no encouragement as I think 20 years too much of a difference in our ages. He is a fine man and looks much younger but he is not in very good health and perhaps I would only have him for a few years and be again alone. I am going to call on his sister as soon as the weather gets a little better. Nothing but rain and snow for weeks. Please give Madelleine my love and please thank her for the pretty little X mas card she sent me. I am always very much pleased to receive any sign from home that I am not forgotten there. Oscar is in Leipzig with his mistress. Fritz is furious. Oscar took a room with twin beds and they sleep together although the people in the pension knew that they were not married. Fritz refused to have anything to do with him until they took separate rooms and even then he cannot have much to do with them as he is a judge in a very high position. Fritz is quite unhappy about matters and I dont see why Oscar could not have gone with her somewhere else. My wounds are healing and I sleep a little better. Hoping this letter will find you all well and with much love to all, I am as always, Lovingly Marion.

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May 9th 1922

My dearest Mina,

You will be surprised to hear from me so soon again but I am quite miserable and very much excited over a letter which I just received from Fritz. I would like to send you a part of his letter translated but as I am ill I cannot go to the P. O. to have this letter registered and so I shall keep it in order to send you it when needed. You remember Mina that I wrote that Oscar always wanted to get as much money out of me as possible and threatened me several times when the question was of money to write you of my ½ dozen lovers and heaven knows what else. Of these men he never said a word until

I found out about Clara Berger. Of course the whole thing was an extortion. Oscar has become under this woman's influence a very bad man. That he lies makes him so dangerous. An old friend of his met him a short time ago and Oscar told him that he needed more money and of course to get his sympathy told him probably the whole string of lies about me. Just what he told this Herr Hilscher of course Fritz does not know but Oscar told Fritz that this man was going to write to Father asking him to help him. Fritz advised me to prepare him for such a letter. It is awful to think that my worries have no end. How awful it would be if you were to believe all the lies he tells of me. Of course Herr H. will write in good faith but I simply cannot understand Oscar. It is mere revenge because he has more than enough to live on. I can send you a letter from Fritz in which he writes that Oscar is very successful as an insurance agent. Besides that he has his

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pension and the interest on the money I gave him. If he were to sell the things he sent off before I got home and the things which he forced me to give him he would have a small fortune. He had two trans full of furniture etc. and I had two of the very smallest although our furniture was bought from the money which I saved up during the time we were engaged. I have a letter from Fritz in which he writes about Oscar having a bed-room with two beds in which he was living with the Berger and that he is supporting her. I shall send you this part of his letter translated so that you can see that I have told you just plain facts. Of course there is no use in troubling you if this Ober Hilscher does not write. If Oscar really needed money he would let this woman work for her living as she would have to do if she did not have him. She is only a servant even by law as she has to be insured for old age and sickness just like any other servant. Oscar wrote an awful letter to Aunt Alice which she sent to me. It contained two of his funny cards = I was as bad as he and he was going to kill himself. Aunt Alice loves me tomall and is too loyal to believe such stories. Fritz advised Oscar not to let Hilscher write to Father. Oscar told him on no account to let me know that he wanted money from Father. Fritz has been from the first day on my side and the only excuse he can give for Oscar's actions is that he is no longer mentally normal. It is awful for us that Fritz is so far away. I would do anything to have a talk with him. Please send me Ober Hilscher's letter in case he write then I would like to answer that letter myself. The Germans hate the Americans as they think they would have won the war if the Americans had not entered it. Of course they want to get as much out of them as they can. I notice that almost every day. I pay more than most people for everything I buy and am

right sort of man he will not tell such tales to a man about his child particularly as what he heard came from her divorced husband. If he writes at all it will probably be only a begging letter. Perhaps she is right. Very likely if Mr. Hilscher does not write Oscar will. You know he is money mad. His quarrel with Fritz was about money. I forgot to say that he will get about 85 000 mks as soon as I know how much the taxes are which I have to pay in selling the villa. The money is here in the bank and will be sent as soon as I know how much his share is. I write this because he may write some lie in connection with this sum of money. Fritz wrote me that his income was higher than his so that Father has no cause to pity him or help him particularly after all the unhappiness he has caused me. All my friends are right and as queer as it sounds they all said about the same

cheated constantly. This new worry about Oscar will of course effect my sleep and that is the worst part of it. I am quite certain that Father will not give Oscar any money. This woman costs Oscar a lot of money as she is very expensively dressed and Oscar lives probably in dread of her leaving him if he does not give her everything she wants.

Later.

My letter seems quite like a patch-work quilt as I read it over and the writing is to match. Since I wrote it I have had my dinner and a call from my neighbor a very clever old lady 81 years old who has become a devoted friend. She has succeeded in getting my nerves almost quieted down to normal. I told her the whole thing and she says it is very likely this Herr Hilscher will not write at all or if he is the

thing although some of them do not know each other. They laughed at the thought of his killing himself. They all agreed that he would not shoot himself or leave this woman and then they said if he sees that there is no more money to be got out of ~~you~~ me he will act very badly and be revengeful. Although I have drawn all my allowance for some time as I had ~~lots~~ lots of expenses here and had to replace so many things which I had given Oscar I live very economically since you wrote that Father died has business worries. We are having bad times everywhere and I have no pity for Oscar or his mistress if they cannot drink champagne or use motor cars. Now that the awful expenses are over which were connected with Oscar and my process I am going to save up for a rainy day. Of course I could not take gallery seat at the theater or do anything of that kind as I am well known as Father's daughter but when an insurance agent goes to the theater with a waitress I don't see why in what way their reputation or social position can be hurt by taking seats which cost half as much as the best ones. The man who is living in our villa showed me a letter which Oscar had written him. He was delighted with Leipzig and he seemed to be having a fine time of it. Well I suppose he has got into debt and does not like to use any of his capital to pay them. People were shocked at his demanding or taking money from me I am wondering what they will say if he really sends Father a begging letter. I thought I had written the last letter to you exclusively about Oscar but it seems he does not want to ~~give me~~ enjoy any peace. I hope you received my last letter in which I thanked you for the lovely photographs which were a great delight to me. Yesterday I posted a paper with pictures of the family and Catherine. Are you really the lady trying to flirt with Father? Well I would rather have recognised you. Much love to all ever affectionately

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I thought but she did not mention I also 2
intends to make her home here. I speak English again almost as good as ever. Queer to say however I have an English accent in speaking German which I had almost entirely lost before I began to speak English so much. Many Americans call on me and even an Englishman wrote a short time ago and asked for permission to call. I am supplied with N.Y. and Newark papers. The latter brings the Orange news as well. Old Mr. Keelle, a German American, has written his daughter to send all the clippings she can pull about Father. I am so glad too Cora Deler has ceased to send, and which she did for years. You have not mentioned her for such a long time. I am wondering why. I am half hoping that my excited letter about Oscar never reached you. I was so unhappy at the thought that Oscar could even think of doing such a thing as begging Father for money which in the end was only wanted to support this woman in luxury, this woman who has caused me so much misery. Then I felt besides that Oscar would try to put some blame at least on me so as to excuse his guilt. Oscar has a higher income than

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Freiburg
Baden

June 13th 1922.

My dearest Mina,

This German paper will seem queer to you but I want to get my letter off and do not like to take that time to hunt for the other sort. I can rarely find anything in my one and only closet under a half an hour. It seems for everything and there is everything in it from Lotte to Miss Hess called on Ten days ago and brought me your letter and the beautiful cloth. You have no idea how delighted I was. I cannot half thank you for the pleasure you have given me. I was so sorry to have missed Miss Hess but I wrote to her at once to come to tea and she is coming day after to-morrow. I am looking forward with such pleasure to seeing her and hearing all the Sleepmont news. She spoke so affectionately of you in her letter that she must be very fond of you. It seems she has a house in

Fritz has and is in no need of money for himself. Fritz's last two letters I have got to translate and send you. I must ask you to excuse parts of them which are rather gossipy. Of course he would have left that out if he dreamed that you would ever see them. For plain, every day letters we do not care much for Brooke's style of letter-writing. My poor mother cannot be left in peace. Mrs. Oscar wrote Fritz that she was greatly worried about Oscar. She wrote her such a queer letter full of contradictions and Fritz says that it is his opinion that she is not in his right mind. How much that would mean to me if he is right. Several people have said that in spite of everything that I still love Oscar. Perhaps they are right than sometimes I am afraid too that it is true. I know perfectly well that he acts like a very bad man and has treated me atrocously but still when he sent me such a loving birthday letter I was quite touched although of course I never feel that I could ever go back to him. Now again at hearing that he is perhaps not quite right in his mind I feel sorry for him. He is his own worst enemy poor man and this woman is a vampire who is leading him to his mental destruction. Now I can forgive his story of my leaving him. I believe he believed it himself. Then I have never deceived him. I felt his love with an officer in my loneliness after being so poor. He can prove that on a page and I told him so. He could have happiness by any woman after being treated so shamelessly by his husband and that after 20 years of perfect happiness. Men must be much more sensual than we are to give up so much quiet happiness and a peaceful home for such women. Human morals are very rotten since the war began, still that is no excuse for Oscar. Poor Mina I suppose you are sick and tired of the very name of Oscar. My friend Comtesse Roedern wont hear of his name being mentioned and says the world will not feel until I never hear anything more about him. I have of the family come over I would so love to have them come to see me. Aunt Mary wrote of Hugo coming over but that was a long time ago. I have written twice during the last month. Besides my Christmas letters and to thank you for the photographs. I regret very much that you had not yet received that letter when you left for Chautauqua. Apr. 27th. Now is the best of all Fathers and is he still worried over his unnatural albums? None of the Americans I call have ever seen the pictures I have of the family and are greatly interested. I will write again when I have seen Miss Bass, she will send you some messages I may send. Much love to all and many thanks for the lovely cloth. Ever loving

Marion

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July 6th 1922

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My dearest Mina,

Only the thought that it is your birthday has given me energy enough to start a letter. The heat is something awful, even the nights are hot which is quite rare in Europe. Of course with my poor brain I would not have remembered your birthday unless I had had a birthday book. Mrs. Earl gave me one years again with a dedication so disagreeable to me that I am often tempted to tear out the page. She writes = "To my dearest child from her ever loving Mother Feb. 18th '94." What do you think of that? I dislike to think of her and will come back to you. There are so many things which I would like to wish you for your coming new year of life. Above all health and contentment. I suppose we must not ask too much of life. Supreme happiness with all wishes fulfilled would perhaps not be a good for us. Since my last letter in which I thanked you for the lovely tea cloth I have seen Miss Bess. I wrote her to let me know when she came to Freiburg the next time as I wanted very much to see her. She came about a week later, brought me a lot of fruit and seems to be a dear little soul with a very kind heart. We had such a nice chat together. We were together some hours and was quite happy to hear all the home news. Even at that I thought of some questions which I had forgotten after she left. I think I had better make a list and take it to Shringen with me when I return her call. She asked me to wait until she had gotten her house a little more in order. She was very

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nice and sympathetic about my troubles. She thinks that there is no danger of Father sending any money to Oscar. In her last note to me she says this woman has every luxury. I cannot say that of myself. Not that I could not afford it, thanks to Father's kindness to me, but I am afraid to spend much money. My bonds are worth today just $200 and I am entirely dependant on Father. He knows how long he can give me $200 a month and what then if I live to be a hundred years old which is not only possible but very likely? A professor who is a specialist for nerve troubles examined me a few weeks ago and said that I was in perfect health. He said it is quite out of the question for my nerves to get quieted down until I stop thinking of Oscar. In most divorce cases the thing is usually over with by the time a woman gets her divorce but it is really awful to think of Oscar still living with this bad woman and she being made happy through my money. I showed Miss Bess Fritz's letter and she was simply horrified. In her last note to me she speaks of Oscar as "that rascally husband of yours". One thing makes my life very bright in spite of my troubles I meet many Americans and have become very good friends with several. I speak English as well as ever so that my "gift of the gab" has come to light again in my native tongue. A young Englishman who did not like my German shoes and hats would not let me buy either without him and the "kiss curls" he makes me wear proved fatal for he thinks he is in love with me. He is of Kupferberg Gold, Champagne fame and he is such a nice, clean, charming fellow that I would like to marry him if I were younger. I am often wondering if men above 40 cannot fall in love. None ever do in me. All my admirers are under forty. Perhaps it is because I look so much younger than I

had no time to talk about the weather. She says that the Germans are becoming beggars and that things are getting worse every day. Miss Hess told me that butter etc. is dearer here than at home. Lots of society women have now to help support their family. One of them ~~are~~ making me some sheets and pillow cases. I would so love to go home with Miss Hess for a visit, we talked a lot of it but in the first place it would cost a lot of money and in the second place I would lose my lovely little apartment. I have spoken to the manager of the Diakonissenhaus about it and he says that the "Dwelling Office" (new since the war) would not allow my apartment to remain unoccupied more than 6 weeks or so. The one good thing about the "Dwelling Office" is that they wont let you be set on the street. No landlord can force you to leave. Over 3000 families are waiting for apartments and some have

really am. All people say I look between 35 and 40. At 15 I looked 20 which seems queer. I am going soon to Baden-Baden to see Miss Jordan and her brother. The latter ought to have been placed first but I cannot call on a man. She will be able to tell me all about the Rathenau funeral as he must have been there. His murder was an awful shock and things in Germany are in an awful state. We try to forget the Bolsheviki but we are reminded of them when anything like this happens. Day before yesterday without a word of warning all the shops and factories were forced to stop working and close. About 4 o'clock there was a big parade and stormy scenes with speeches were made. The police were either helpless or in sympathy with the mob. Judge Haltz, my neighbors son, called yesterday and you can be sure we

been waiting for over a year. People are forced to rent even their furnished rooms and the nice things about two families cooking in one kitchen is a standing joke. If any of the family come over please induce them to come to Freiburg to see me. It is perfectly lovely here. "The Passion Play" and the "Richard Strauss Week" attract lots of Americans and English. Even without such things Freiburg is well worth seeing for it's own sake besides Basle and Baden-Baden are very near. Now Mina dear please promise me something if ever any of the family go only to France or England please let me know of it beforehand. I shall not be in the least offended that they do not come to see me but in 6 weeks I could go anywhere to them, it would not cost so much and I would not lose my home. I long so much to see Father again. Now that I speak English again so well I feel quite myself again and in no fear of shocking him as I was on our journey in 1911. My one hope is that he will outrun the other Edisons and live longer than any of them. Watch I may have a piece of luck and have an apartment of my own and be no longer a boarder. Then I can come home again on a nice long visit. Many houses are being built so that in a few years things will probably be getting better. I would like to know how you are celebrating your birthdays. I always think of Father on his birthday as that date is just as well fixed in my mind as Xmas or the "Glorious Fourth". I suppose you have a more peaceful birthday than his friends allow him to enjoy. With love to all

Affectionately yours

Marion.

Freiburg

Oct. 17th 1922

My dearest Mina,

Frl. Hess has just written to say that she will come tomorrow morning to say good bye. Although I am expecting the workmen at any moment to repair my Welte piano I will see how far I can get with my letter before they come. You know they are never in a hurry in spite of the enormous wages they get. We are all half afraid of them, the government particularly and they are spoiled in every way. I have gotten quite used to treating them like gentlemen and have even found out which sort of cigars they like best. I like the prospects of this afternoon, you would hardly think it possible that I am going with a man friend to all the coal yards in Freiburg and beg for some coal. I will put on my very oldest dress and let my friend do the talking on account of my English accent. Today the sun is shining into

my rooms as I have east windows so that it is not as cold as usual. Yesterday I sat in my coat all the afternoon and two friends who came to tea kept their coats on too until they had had two or three cups of tea. We have so little coal that they only send us steam when it is near zero. Now I have decided to buy a little stove for my bedroom but first I must see if I can get any coal. The famous German comforts are a thing of the past. That coal is so scarce and so dear is a calamity for that class of people who are underfed and nourished as they feel the cold more than others. That Frl. Hess is coming home so soon will perhaps be a surprise to you. I think she is rather afraid of what may happen this winter. Things are in a very bad state. I read in the papers yesterday that there was a riot in Berlin and some killed and many wounded. We feel rather safer down here but still I heard some awful things which some men of the lower classes said as I was waiting to pay my taxes. From what you write things do not seem much better at home. If I can possibly find time I will try to find some nice little book this afternoon for Frl. Hess. As far as I can see you can not find anything

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you ever want but simply take
what you can get. She is as you
say a very kind hearted little
woman. I met her the other day
and she had at least three little
baskets in which she had brought
fruit to her different friends. She
has a sweet little home in Shing-
en which is well known for its
vineyards. I am sorry to say
that we have not seen much of
each other. She was away for a
long time and only returned a
few weeks ago. Shadingen must
have bored her after life in America.
I want her very much to tell you
that she has seen my brother-in-
law's letters so that you can see
see that I have not exaggerated
about Oscar and his mistress.
Those two have cheated me out
of thousands of things which I
can never replace. Perhaps I wrote
you about a piece of luck I had.
I saw a cardboard box with old
postal cards and my letters to O.
which they had forgotten to take
with them. As I had so much time
while my burned fingers were
healing I looked over the letters
and cards and at the bottom
I found hidden the picture of
Father taken when he was a
very young man and which I
knew Oscar had taken away.
He wanted ~~wanted~~ everything
connected with Father so as to
sell such things which were
personally connected with him.
He insisted upon my giving him
the two volumes of Fathers life, his
big photograph, he took out of my
desk a package of all the letters
I ever received from him and
three cards with Father's autog-
raphs. After drink Oscar's great
passion was money, both developed
late in life. This passion for money
and the fear of losing his mistress
if he could not give her the luxuries
she wanted made him get the
plan in his head of asking Father
for money. Fritz wrote me that it
was Oscar's idea and that he had
more than enough which I had
better write you. I wrote him and asked why
he thought that he (Oscar) was so
flush and he said because he
had spent so much money for this
Clara Berger. By the way her fur
trimmed gown which I so much
admired when I saw her one day
in Müllheim was trimmed with
my fur which of course I did not
know at the time. When I went to
Müllheim a few weeks ago to beat
my curtains, furs etc. I missed
at once all my mink fur which
consisted of a narrow skirt trim-
ming, a muff and enough to trim
a hat. I knew at once where she
had her furs from. I recall every
few weeks things which are miss-
ing and then I get to brooding again

is seen often at the swell restaurants with this girl who is always very elegantly dressed. Please thank Father for sending me Hilsche's letter. I was so pleased at his remark that I ran with the letter straight up to the Countess although I knew I would only have the pleasure of hearing "Well I told you so!" I was so very pleased with your letter too, Mina dear and I thank you with all my heart for taking so much of your time for such a nice newsy letter. This letter I did not get finished yesterday in spite of the fact that the Welte factory phoned that the workman could not come. He is coming this morning and I do hope he will have finished before Fr. Hess comes. No callers (morning calls are the fashion here) and three telephone calls kept me busy and my letter is rather the worse for it. Words left out and words repeated are always a sign that I have not been able to concentrate my mind. I am so very glad that my new American friends hail from Newark. Their daughter sends

over Oscar's injustice and cannot sleep. The last thing which I realized was missing was a tablecloth with a fringe with Mamma's monogram large enough for twelve. I simply cannot understand anyone being as mean as that but that is only one of hundreds of cases. I am so glad that Mrs. Oeser is so nice to me. She was entirely on Oscar's side until he played her that ugly trick with her apartment. To think of his wanting to force her to exchange her apartment for one in a big noisy city like Leipzig and then to live with him and his mistress. She wrote me a very friendly card a few days ago and now understands why I refused to go back to Oscar. I cannot see why I worried that Oscar could have any success with his begging letter. Why even my enemy would not give him money to squander on a woman like that. A begging letter is not considered honorable among officers. Count Roedern told me that the old gentleman trembled with excitement at the thought of a man asking for money for his mistress from the father of his divorced wife. Whole families have to live on Oscar's income and he

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them papers every week so that I keep posted as to the Orange news. I felt quite homesick to hear that you had all been to Chautauqua this summer. I always had a longing to see the place again. I was so very happy there in my girlhood days and it was so very much my taste. Aunt Alice was very much pleased with the "Edison Pioneers" a little book which I asked to have sent her. I wonder if Father dear knows that the old Menlo Park house was burned down several years ago. It came as a shock to me as I was very fond of the place. Now I must close my letter and dress my hair and do a thousand and one other things. I have the impression that I work like lightning but still I never quite get all the things done which I have to do. These awful transparent stockings are awful in every way. I never dare go to a shoe shop without putting on a new pair and then I darn them until there is no more darn to them and that is a robbery to my time which makes me quite wild. Very mina just think of you not knowing who Paul Jordan is. He is one of the nicest men we met in Berlin when we were there the year of the Paris Exposition. Then you met him again in 1911*. You wrote of his faithfulness to me, I even remember what you wrote about his speaking of me with tears in his eyes and his never having married. Mrs. Earls choice was Charles Devison the son of a very rich Jew and a lady-in-waiting to Queen Victoria. She ran away with him as her parents were opposed to the match. As they lived in Spain she was very happy as old Mr. Devison most dropped a very nice man. Well he was my choice even if he was Mrs. Earls and I really went home to get rid of him. With love to all

Ever affectionately

Marion.

* You met Mr. Jordan at the Rathenau's dinner.

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Nov. 30th 1922

Dear Mr. Miller,

Your letter of Nov. 15th just received. Our letters crossed each other as I wrote you a short time ago. Thanks to an American friend who goes to Bâle every month I am able to answer all your questions. The $200 monthly deposit to my credit in Swiss francs and what I have been able to save brings 3%. Mr. Reichle brought over my account and a Bank here tested the rates of exchange for the different months and found that they were correct. I draw the money through checks so that the Swiss Bank never changes any Swiss money into German. The Germans open all letters sent to foreign Banks so that I did not want to ask for my account through the mail. I wanted for some one to turn

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up like this old Mr. Reichle who could go to the Bank and get my account. I never exchange any Swiss money these days but I saw in the paper that yesterday the Swiss franc was worth about 1400 mks. That is bad enough but it will be still worse if France carries out her threats. As it means ruin to have your money in Germany I am living from the money I got for my house but it is now almost entirely gone so I asked Mr. Reichle to bring over some Swiss money which I shall not change until all my German money is gone. Mr. Miller I am sound what worried about my future and I would be so grateful to you if you would speak to my father and let me know what he thinks. I do not want to trouble such a busy man as he is with such a long letter or ask him to answer it. A few words from you on the subject even if unfavorable would mean a great deal to me and I would be very grateful to you for any trouble you can put to on my behalf. Up to 3 months ago life

was very cheap. Here in Germany for people who had American money. Now the prices here are higher than in other countries for many things very much and all the necessaries are between 1 000 and 2 000 times higher than they were before the war. My German Government Bonds which used to be worth about $1 0000 are now worth $10 and I have to pay 10% (10%) interest when I draw the interest on them. That means ruin to millions of old people and single women unable to work who had their money in bonds. I possess now almost nothing except the money I have saved up in Bâle which is a little more than $1 000. It gave me a great scare and the impression remains when I heard that Father's factory is closed and that he is having business troubles. I am trying to be as economical as possible so as to save up for the future. If I should live to be 90 or even 100 as so many Edisons I might outlive my money as many Germans are doing. A friend of mine told me that if she lived a year longer she would have to hang herself. I am always asking myself how much longer Father will be able to give me $2 00 per month and if not if there is any hope of a small income until my days are ended. Mr. Reichle says that if I economize in every way that I could save up enough to live upon in about 6 years. What I am afraid is that Father some day will have to cut down my allowance before I have saved enough up. Poor man he has often seen such hard times that I can readily believe that he has not the million people think he has. How often I have to pay for those famoied millions. Being treated as a foreigner and so often feeling homesick I long to go home but Americans say that life is very expensive at home and so I could not live on $2 00 a month, still less save for my old age. I have been interrupted so many times since I began my letter that I am wondering if I have made myself clear.

With kindest regards and fond love to Father, I remain,

Yours sincerely

Marion E. Oeser-Edison.

house I go over and throw my letters in it. I found out after a long time that a batch of letters and cards never reached their destination and since then two cards in envelopes which cost the same postage as letters never turned up either. They were orders for cigarettes and a pack of coffee machine. After waiting two weeks I wrote and tried as nicely as possible to tell them what I thought of them for keeping me waiting so long. In this way I found out that they had never received my cards. Of course our porter simply destroyed the cards for the sake of the stamps. In a house where almost 200 people live it would pay to steal the stamps. I am glad I knew of this little trick before Christmas as friends would have been very much offended if they had received no thanks for their Christmas remembrances. To think of the Germans having changed so. Miss Brigham used to say that Germany was the only continental country where foreigners got back the right change. My "new poor" friends do not write as often as they used to do as stamps have become a luxury. A letter used to cost 1/10 of a mark now it cost 50 mks. and the price is soon to be raised again. Letters to foreign countries cost as much as a silk lined

Burgunderstr. 5
Freiburg, Baden Jan. 28th 1923

My dearest Mina,

Since your note which Miss Shelds brought me I have had no news from home. I wrote to thank you for the beautiful tea cloth and then I wrote a letter which I asked Frl. Hess to give you. I mention this as letters do not always reach their destination. I felt glad that one letter at least would not go astray. To say that letters go astray is putting it in a charitable way. The right word would be stolen. Now I should like to let the people at home know that it is a risk to send paper money to their relatives here in their letters. Many post office officials here have been punished for stealing such letters and how many more there probably are who have not been found out. The Dickens-Sullivans where I am living has its own letter box and if it is raining and I think I would like a nice long walk without going out of the

crêpe de Chine ball dresses did before the war began. Food and living in general have gone up still higher and it makes me miserable when I think of the privation and misery of so many thousands of people who have on account of the high taxes less to live on than they had when things were cheap. When the weather is around zero I feel pretty mean walking around so well nourished and rosy in a fur coat and so many men who are mostly half starved students having no over-coats to wear. Now I am coming to a more cheerful subject. It made me very happy to receive Christmas greetings from Glenmont and I thank you so much for sending them. I hope you received my card, it was not half pretty enough but it was the best I could find. Please thank our darling of a father for sending me Life and Harpers Weekly instead of the two magazines. Some American friends here have only magazines too so that I thought Life and Harpers Weekly would be a nice change for us and besides it is quite impossible to find time to read so many magazines. I had a most delightful surprise day before yesterday when I received word that there was a box for me at the custom house. Why it almost took my breath away to see so many delightful things together. With a few exceptions none of the things are to be had here. You would have laughed if you could have seen my delight over the sugar. I bless you on the man who thought of putting it in. We are allowed only two pounds a month and not a spoonful more as we cannot import any foreign sugar as almost no one could pay the price. As the Japanese shops has my food cards they keep about ½ pound of sugar for sweets and I receive the other pound which has to last a month. As I bake my own cake and often have guests to tea of course a pound of sugar is not to nothing as I liked my coffee well sweetened. Well I believe to do what the others do. I bake my cake with a very little sugar and a lot of saccarine and use margarine instead of butter when the latter is not to be had. Poor old Count Roedern upstairs eats margarine on his bread because he cannot afford butter. Charles and Co. must be very first class grocers and all the things I have tried as yet are delicious. I have arranged the things like a German Christmas table and it looks awfully pretty.

out to, so he writes oftener than is good for me of Oscar's bad conduct. A short time ago Fritz sent me a letter he had received from Mrs. Oeser in which she was greatly disgusted with Oscar. Mrs. Oeser knows that Clara Berger is living with him and that he has to support her. Clara Berger sent Mrs. Oeser a bottle of toilet water and a cake at Christmas in Oscar's box. Mrs. Oeser was just great, she wrote and thanked him for the things he had sent her which nowadays is almost always food, saying that she did not know anyone by the name of Clara Berger. This woman only wants to win Mrs. Oeser over to her side. Then she wrote of one of Oscar's intriguing lies which is a thing he never would have done before he came under this bad woman's influence. Fritz as I have told you will have nothing to do with him but Oscar is never tired of trying to force him to receive her into the life he is leading. Mrs. Oeser wrote that Oscar had sent her two envelopes, one was addressed to his new address the other was without an address. She said the addressed envelope she could use to write him a letter, the second he begged her to send closed after putting a sheet of paper in it to Fritz in Leipzig where both

and dainty. Thank you many times dearest mind and Father dear for sending me this box of goodies. It was a great treat in itself and then it made me so happy to know that you had thought of me. Miss Olessgave you probably all the scant news and nothing of importance has happened since she left. I sleep better and am not as nervous as I was as you can see by my writing. I told Miss Olessgave man I was very tempted to marry she advised me not to do so as he is much younger than I am. It is too bad when he is a nice fellow, will be a college professor in a few years and is the one man among those who want to marry me who really loves me. I am afraid he will keep me from marrying any one else as he says he will not give up hope. She is good for my nerves and helps me in every way he can. She arranged with Oscar about the villa money, then he had the usual fights with the tax gatherers which ended for me successfully, then he got bad for me when I never in the world would have gotten any myself and then last not least he refuses flat to hear Oscar's name mentioned. Fritz must have some one to pour his heart

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are living and to beg Fritz as she did not know his address to deliver it to him personally. Of course Mrs. Oesen did not think for a moment of doing such a thing. Sometimes I fancy Oscar must be half crazy to have changed so. It must mean a lot to have so many such affairs. I decided to have no quarrelling when I married but perhaps it was a mistake that I did not make a red hot row when the first of his love letters from Strasbourg fell into my hands by mistake. Mrs. Oesen now understands why I could not stand Oscar any longer. She wrote me a lovely X mas card signed "Your loving Mother." I have always been very fond of her and it added to my miseries to think that she thought me unforgiving. Mina I am very much worried about my future, not my near future but the days to come. If I should live to be one of those ancient Edisons. I have seen so many women who have outlived their capital that I simply dread that fate as full of misery. Poor Father it seems is so down on his luck that I dread his cutting down my allowance. I got the impression from a letter I received from Mr. Miller. I would so like to know if things are really as bad as they seem. I have saved up over $1000 which is safety in Bible. I had a long talk with an old American Mr. Raible. He knows how much I need to live upon and he says that in 6 years I could save up enough to give me an income upon which I could live in Germany comfortably. I wrote to Mr. Miller in answer to his letter about my allowance and asked him to speak to Father on the subject for it is very unpleasant to be so ~~very~~ economical as I now force myself to be. I am very comfortable in my home since I have my own stove but I never travel, neither drive in a motor car, never buy anything which is not strictly necessary. I economise in many ways which make life so very much less attractive. I love books flowers and the theatre but instead of having them I economise and save the money up for a rainy day. Sometimes I feel I am growing to be what they call close fisted and that is only because I do not know if I shall have enough to live upon when I get old. My bonds are as good as worthless and I have lost the right to my widows pension through my divorce. Prices are crazy here in Germany and I could save up much more if so many things were not dearer than in other

countries. Life here in the Dictatorship seems very cheap. That is one good thing. I wrote to you that I was worried but you never mentioned it in your answer. Mr. Miller has ~~not~~ not answered as yet either. Perhaps Father does not know himself how long he can give me $2.00 a month. Even an unfavorable answer is better than none at all. I may cast I must hope for the best and perhaps I won't live to be so awfully old. Things are in a very bad state in Germany and it is not very easy to have a christian spirit toward William II. We all hate and despise him. Think of this heartless man living in such high spirits when millions of Germans are suffering such misery. Miss Hess was right to go home. We do not know what is going to happen in Bavaria. Then comes the misery of the people in the Ruhr district. The poverty here is appalling. People bury their dead in their back yards because they cannot pay the funeral expenses. Some ~~[illegible]~~ pay the expenses of a funeral so as to keep the ghoul from burying their dead without a coffin. Children cannot go to school because they have no shoes and consumption is spreading rapidly because the food is almost entirely without

fab. My letter would be almost endless if I were to tell of the things I see. My letter may reach you about Father's birthday if so please tell him I sent him my best wishes for a happy and healthy new year of life. He seems to keep very well for I never hear of his being sick. I wonder if he still suffers from dyspepsia (if that is the right word). I hope you are going to Florida this year for I almost always get a nice long newsy letter from my birthday if you are down there where you probably have more time for writing. With much love to all and hoping you are all well I am as ever,

Affectionately yours

Marion.

526 Park Ave.
East Orange

Feb. 8th 1926

Dearest Father,

How I would love to be down in your earthly paradise on your birthday and give you my good wishes personally but as this is not to be I must be content with sending you my birthday greetings on a card. Your needs and wishes are so few that it is almost impossible to find anything in the form of a present which would give you the least bit of pleasure. We are all so devoted to you that I am sure

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that you feel that all our good wishes for your birthday are sincere and come from loving hearts. Much love to you and Mother and all sorts of good wishes.

Ever lovingly

Marion.

through taking sun baths in Germany. At the Diakonissenhaus there was a large veranda enclosed in glass where women with as little on as possible were exposed for hours to the rays of the sun. A German doctor told me that chlorosis and ailments like it are unknown in tropical countries where the whole body of the natives are exposed to the sun. This reminds me of a perfectly absurd reception which my best friend Mrs. Hennes used to give me. Being such an intimate friend I was often shown up to her bed-room and found her lying on a quilt on her balcony behind the vines without one stitch on her. Her baby is expected these days and I am worried about her as she is over thirty and it is her first baby. I wrote her yesterday my new address so that they can cable me to Norwalk if the baby is born after April 1st. This is the girl who was married last April. The Germans are more prolific than we are I am afraid. We must not give up hope about Theodore and Ann for there are lots of people who have children after being married for years. A friend of a friend of mine was married thirteen years when her first baby made it's appearance. You probably know of such cases among your own acquaintances. Think of the Queen of Holland for example. Juliana appeared when

526 Park Ave.
East Orange

Mar. 21st 1926

Mother dear,

This is certainly a day to cheer one up, glorious sunshine, warmer weather and I even heard a bird sing a few notes this morning to remind us that spring is near. Even since my last letter to you written a little over a month ago I have been hoping for an answer but I will not wait any longer for I think you will want to know my plans. First of all I want to thank you for your telegram on my birthday. I do not suppose that you find much quiet for writing letters with those three native boys around you. They certainly make things lively I feel sure that Madeleine and they will be greatly benefited by their stay in Florida for I have seen wonders done

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everyone had given up all hope for an heir to the throne. I have had a piece of very good luck in being able to sublet my apartment for April 1st and am leaving on that day for Norwalk. Mr. Hildebrandt has arranged for the removal. Things are to be packed on the 31st and the van will leave at 5 o'clock the next day as it is quite a long journey up there. Holtermann has a position for April 1st and I am to have another chauffeur, not a combination of cook and butler but one of chauffeur, gardener and houseman. My house will be entirely electric and I can hardly wait for the time to come when I can unpack the things Mr. Insull has sent me from Chicago. As a birthday present he gave me an electric range and an electric washing machine and when he was here to say good bye on Thursday as he is going to England he said I was to have an electric refrigerator as soon as he gets back in May. He must be all-powerful in those factories for a man called at my cottage the day after the range got there so as to explain all about it. This man is going to send me a woman as soon as it is ready for use to show me how to cook on it. Another friend has given me a lot of electrical things too so that it will be a real Edison cottage. The first month there will be quite horrible as the workmen will be in the house and you know what that means. I am not looking forward with much pleasure to having the partition torn down for the dirt and dust will get on everything as there are no doors on the first floor as the house is heated by a pipeless furnace. I must tell you why I let my good Holtermann go. Do you know Mother that that man fell so in love with the country up there that he wanted to buy the land on the brook just across the road from my cottage. It would have been some cheap old schack (is that the way it's spelled?) which would have been an eye sore to me and have quite spoiled my property. Besides he wanted me to make a contract with him for three years. Miss Reitter could not find the duplicate key to my vault which I asked you to take care of last summer. I ought to have it at once as I must take a new one in Norwalk for my silver. Living alone I must not have anything valuable in the house. I was in a hurry when I was at Stermont asking her about it and if she cannot find it I must write you to kindly let her know where she can find it. I cannot give up the keys I shall have to rent it for another year and do not need it. I have just made my will which is the only bright side of getting up over in New York! Love to all. Not especially to you and Father dear,

affectionately
Marion.

THE NORWALK GENERAL HOSPITAL
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

Mar. 14th 1927

Dear Father, dear Mother,
There have been so many of the family here that I thought in their letters to you that they would keep you posted as to my condition. However my last telegram will show you that everything is favorable although I would not know it if I had not been told. To me it has all been a nightmare and now after more than 3 weeks of it my wound is being kept open and I am very weak and depressed. They make me sit up as much as possible on account of the drainage and I really do not feel up to it. The nurses are wild when I cry from depression because my temperature goes up but I lose my nerve at times and am wondering what is coming next. I had a very close call but had the good luck to have a doctor who knew at once what was the matter. Of course when he told me the cavity was inflamed it was nonsense but he did not want to frighten me. I suppose you were surprised when I passed this on to

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NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

you. Then he told me his second pains fib when he said he would have to have me at the hospital for observation. I was too ill to remember much. Two strong men took hold of me at the cottage, then a glimpse of a white ambulance and being made ready almost at once for the operation at 4,30 on my birthday. The night before was near Hell than I ever expect to get again. I was all alone and had to crawl upstairs on my hands & feet. Mrs. Sitterat and Mrs. ~~Sitterat~~ Merrill came the next morning and said afterwards that I looked so ghastly that they never expected to see me alive again. I am as thin as a rail and think I will have to get a boyish bob to match it! We are not to be too happy in this world it seems for I was too happy this winter. I was just getting over the loss of my chauffeur when this had to come. It will take me a long time I fear to get strong again but my case was not half as bad as Williams'. I think the expense is just awful and I have been getting about that too. All have been lovely to me. Mad. & John, Charles & C., Theodore & Anna, Blanche, Uncle John & Nancy and Uncle Ira have been here much to my delight. My room has been like a bower of flowers. You, Dear Mother, have sent me some lovely ones for which I thank you so much. Letters and telegrams were like rays of sunshine suddenly appearing in dark skyes. Much love to you both and to Eddie,

Lovingly Marion.

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THE NORWALK GENERAL HOSPITAL
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

Mar. 24th 1927

Dear Father, dear Mother,

At last the glorious day has come when I can leave ~~home~~ the hospital but I am not as happy as I expected to be for I can hardly walk and besides the bills which are pouring in, I am worried how on earth Mrs. Sitterd is going to sleep on the sofa in the warmest room in the house. She is aifty and rather set in her ways. She is so kind that she will not hear of my worrying about things but I am in doubt if she can stand it long. I have the address of a nurse who receives women who are convalescing into her home. I could try that if I find that Mrs. Sitterd cannot sleep. I could get a domestic nurse who would keep house for me but they will not attend to a furnace, thinking it below them so that makes that arrangement out of the question. Yesterday I saw my appendix and I can now understand how serious my case was. It was almost black and had rup-

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tired. Of course I do not dare ask but what I do not understand is this — why was I not rushed to the hospital on the morning of the 17th when I first called the doctor instead of on the 18th? One day meant so much and I was ready and willing to do anything the doctor thought best. I thank you both for your kind telegram in answer to my letter. It did help me not to worry but I cannot get over the awful prices here in America. I will be most grateful to you, Father dear, if you will help me for no one seems willing to wait very long for their money. One nurse who left ill on account of illness I paid this morning as she said she needed the money to pay for her room. I cannot find out exactly what things will cost but I know some of the items. I have had a day & night nurse for 34 day, each nurse getting daily $3.00. My board & room cost $6.00 a day. What I cannot find out is how much the doctor will charge for the operation. My nurse tells me that he charged $125.00 for a clean (not a drain case) operation on a child. More I do not know. John has just phoned but as I am in bed I could not speak to him. I will phone him tomorrow morning as he wanted to speak to me. I have had few wishes since I came to the hospital, the one and almost the only one

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was my New York paper. I have had excellent care and it will mean a great deal to me to have had the appendix removed as I ~~was~~ half ill and did not know what was the matter with me. This is such a selfish letter and I must say I am sick of myself and everything connected with my operation. I am sorry that you are disappointed in Florida this year for I know how you look forward to going down. My nurse is complaining of the length of this letter as I tire so easily. Much love to you both and to Edie,

Ever affectionately
Marion.

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Mar. 28th 1927

R. D. 61
Norwalk
Conn.

file with Mrs. Stowe,

Dear Father, dear Mother,
It is simply wonderful to be home again and I am just delighted. The cottage is as warm as toast although it is very cold this morning and there is snow on the ground. I heard a blue bird this morning so spring is not far off although it might just as well be December by the looks of the landscape. Mrs. Sitterst is taking very good care of me and I am very comfortable except that the doctor put straps on me so tight that I can just manage to take breath and that is about all. I am able to walk much better too but I have to laugh when I go upstairs for I have to crawl up and Mrs. Sitterst has to wait for me at the top of the stairs to help me get up straight again. My arms are all right but I have almost no

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strength in my legs. This comes from the operation it seems for I have been in bed longer than this time and was all night in two or three days. I came home last Thursday evening having been in the hospital 34 days exactly. I was not very fortunate in my room there as it was not far from the operation rooms and some women became hysterical before they could get under the influence of the ether. Then I became all worked up over the awful cries of the little baby boys who were being circumcised without ether. This is being done so much that when I heard the women screaming in the delivery room I felt glad when a girl baby was born instead of a boy. The air too is bad in any hospital although they put me in the room I had because it was airy and near a roof garden. I do not think Dr. Tracey kept me one moment longer than was absolutely necessary and people say I was lucky not to have to stay longer. It just did not suit my thrifty soul to pay a night nurse $6.00 a night for coming in at 2 o'clock for a certain reason and again at 6 for the same reason. My nice little neighbor Mrs. Nerne had her baby this winter at the hospital and she says her room with food was $52.00 a week, that is more than the nurses told me. You ought to see the birds around here. There are dozens of them just outside of my window and no cat of mine is ever going

to harm them. It just set me wild last summer to see a cat who belonged to this cottage bring up snakes from the brook. I was in dread of her daring to take it down in my cellar as she had often done before I owned the place. We never dared to scare her for fear she would drop the snake near the house. I was sorry for the poor snake too for she had a hard job if the snake was large and would step on it in carrying it up the hill. I wonder why she did it so often for although they were small snakes I cannot believe she could eat them. This darling of a cat I could not live without so I said I wanted it for Mrs. Sitterst. She in her turn gave it to a grain store in Danbury where she can do all the hunting she likes. There is never going to be a cat again on this place if I can help it for I have never cared for cats either animals or humans. I am going down to the letter box with this letter but I suppose there will be an argument with Mrs. Sitterst as she is the "boss" now. Mother dear, I must tell you something which has just made me think that the doctors are an awful lot. Now some doctor told you to stop eating meat on account of your tendency to gout. When I showed my little finger to an Orange doctor (Dr. Parker's assistant)

he said it was gout and told me to cut out meat entirely which I have done as much as possible for over a year. Dr. Tracey says that the theory is quite exploded that gout comes from over-eating and particularly too much meat. She says it has been proved beyond doubt that it is an infection. Now what do you say to that Mother? Do you think it is possible or likely that he is right? Thank you so much for your long letter which I enjoyed reading very much. The p. o. sent it here so that I found it on my desk when I came home. Mrs. Silliest had the house all ready for me and it seemed like paradise after the hospital. All I saw for five weeks was an old brown door so the change was lovely. I am wondering when you expect to return. The sun must be very warm for the snow is melting but winter may not be over as there has been awful snowstorms up here as late as April 10th. The snow is so beautiful in the country that we do not mind a long winter. Hope this will find you all well and enjoying yourselves. For old time's sake I would love to smell a little sprayy of Orange blossoms. Do you suppose there is any to be had in those little boxes ready to send? Of course I do not want to put you to any trouble.

Much love to all,

Affectionately

Marion.

R. D. 61
Norwalk
Conn.

Dec. 31st 1929

5½ a. m.

Mother dear.

Not a light in any of the neighbor's houses nor have I even heard a rooster crow. People cannot understand why I get up at the crack of dawn or even earlier because they think I have nothing to do. Well they are very much mistaken if they but knew it for the longest day even is too short for all the things I have to do. Today there are all sorts of things winking at me and if callers dont bother me I am lucky if I get half of them done. Letters come first of course and then cards for people to whom you forgot to send Christmas greetings. Then I am painting my high kitchen stool, making a peach slip for a green lace dress and a whole basket of clothes are ready to be ironed. This ironing is the easiest job of all for to sit down at a window with a pretty view and just shove your wash into the electric mangel is about the best results for the least work of anything I know. I have had a delightful Christmas only of course in a quiet way and your lovely presents greatly added to the festive day for which I thank you over and over so much. Since the package of toilet articles came I have received a most beautiful quilt, the check which arrived the day before Christmas and the notice from Blentans that I am to receive "House and Garden" for another year. This "House and Garden" does not end it's journey when it gets to me. I always give it to Mrs. Litterist who later passes it on to a lonely neighbor. Certainly a good investment as to the joy it gives

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to others. I wonder how you liked Xmas in Florida. It seems to me that it would be difficult to realize that it is Christmas at all. One Christmas I passed in Tanger with Mrs. Earl and I remember it as one of the least Christmasy Christmases I ever had had and I was not at all happy about it. It was never a case of where I wanted to be or go in those days but just what suited Mrs. Earl best was done. This however was the beginning of making my character less willful so that I made a better wife for Oscar. I did not enjoy her iron will at the time but I suppose it was all for the best. Now I have learned to doubt that my opinion is the only right one and usually ask the opinion of two freinds about anything of any importance. The majority rules even if they are both against me. Aunt Mary delighted me with a visit just before Christmas. She had been over to Westport to see Uncle Isa and was on her way home. As she had a friend in her car her visit was very short as it was a cold day. I was sorry for I am very fond of her and living alone as I do and so far from the family it is a great treat to have any of them come to see me - barring Beatrice. I have tried my best for Tom's sake but I do not like people who are insinuating. Just as Aunt Mary says she dislikes all which does not keep her from writing the most flowery letters with many "Dot Darlings" and any amount of gushing flattery. I would not have mentioned all this but I know you are fond of Tom and I would not like you to think I neglect him. I am simply miserable when at their home and Beatrice's visits to me in town are about all I can stand. I am very fond of Tom and I am so delighted that he is so much more cheerful. People who saw the Menlo picture say that he has the saddest face they ever saw. Even when a little child he would say he was going to die soon. So unusual in a child. I was glad to hear through Madeleine that you are looking so much better. You looked really ill from over-work when I last saw you and it was high time for you to get a rest. I would love to hear from you if you could find time for a letter. Much love also to Father & again many thanks & a happy New Year

Affectionately Marion.

R. D. 61
Norwalk
Conn.

Feb. 24th 1930

Dear Mother,

There are any number of things I have learned from you since I first knew you when I was a little girl of eleven but the latest thing seems the best of all. Instead of wasting valuable time lying in bed and waiting impatiently for what others think is the right time to get up I get up whenever I feel like it which is sometimes as early as three a.m.

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As my little home is always as warm as toast I slip into a negligé and start writing letters on my lap board. It is wonderful to gain so much time in this way for I am a slow writer and my German friends are never satisfied with anything less than a long letter. Cards or short notes bring only reproaches. As they make a great fuss over birthdays in Germany I have several letters of thanks to write. I have just finished a long letter which I began at 4.45 and finished at 6.40. I wrote this to my friend first to show her why I cannot write such long letters very often. Two hours is a lot of time for a letter for I have my house work to do, go to town twice a week and have made several new friends here that I see a lot of. Today I pulled up my shades to find a wall of thick pea soup fog surrounding the cottage. How endless

the winter seems this year. I had a delightful birthday in my own quiet way. Went to town, had a delicious lunch, then to see Mr. & Mrs. Johnson's wonderful travel film and then bought a pound of Shraaft's French mixture which are well worth the price they ask for them. Before I went to bed I had finished the box and on my next birthday I am going to treat myself to another one. If I were to eat all the sweets I wanted in a year or two I would not be able to make that turn upstairs at the head of the stairs unless I tore the wall down. Thank you so much for the pecan candy you so kindly sent me. There were very explicit directions sent with them: how to keep them from getting moist & sticky. I laughed at that for no candy ever gets stale or sticky in this house. Mother dear I don't believe I ever thanked you for the nuts and candy which came some time after Christmas. I want to do so

now. A friend called before the candy was gone and she found Pe-can-dy so delicious that I had to give her the address in Georgia. I am having a wonderful winter and have not even had as much as a cold. I am very lucky in having found a neighbor's son who keeps my furnace going when I am away. It was dreadful to get to this icy house and having to start my furnace. It was never warm under two hours and I often took cold. I want to try out that oyster recipe before sending it to you but it seems impossible to get all the things together. I do not stay over night in New York any longer and always get home after the stores are closed so never do any shopping here. My grocer brings all of my food and all the meat I get is in town when I lunch there. It was most interesting to see the reel taken at Fort Meyers on Father's birthday. There is a News Reel in New York which lasts almost an hour and which I never miss. New photographs are shown every week. I suppose you have heard that poor little Blanche broke her arm. I have not seen them since last summer so I suppose I ought to go down. Mr. & Mrs. Wanby are in Florida.

Love to you and Father affectionately Marion.

[4-20-1930]

Marion.

Datona Beach

Easter Sunday

Dear Mother,

This does not seem at all like Easter. No church bells, no new dresses and not even an Easter lily. I am sitting here in my hotel room behind my piece of voile which I always carry with me so as to prevent people looking in at my window. It is simply pinned across the curtains. I am lucky to have found such

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a comfortable hotel as all the first class ones are closed. I am staying here until tomorrow so that Scott could have a day off. He has some friends near here. I wish often that he did not look quite so gentlemanly. When he does not wear his livery he is taken for my husband and yesterday a little girl asked me if he were my brother. I dont think he is very good looking but education and breeding will show no matter in what position a man is. I feel that the high spots of this delightful trip are over. They were without question my visit to you and Father at Seminole Lodge and the

Tamiami Trail. My impressions of those two days were overwhelming. To see you and Father dear glad to see me, then the wonders of your beautiful garden and then oh joy! Tamiami Trail. I was simply fascinated by it and we were very lucky in what we saw. Going at 25 miles an hour is why we saw so much more than any one else I spoke to had seen on the trip. First and above all we saw a very handsome Indian sitting at the edge of the canal with his canoe like a statue. He was certainly a thing of beauty with his wonderful skin and colorful dress. I smiled at him through the back window which was

returned with a radiant smile showing beautiful teeth and bright, intelligent eyes. Scott saw seven alligators and I saw six, one of them as long as our car. Some people we told about this big creature went back to see it as it was about a mile from where we had lunch. The other wild creatures of the forest and the flowers made the trip far more interesting than I even thought it was going to be. Usually it is the other way around. Excuse the card upon which Mme Sommier's address is written. Why not have a corset for dressy occasions and wear your boneless one for every day? Her laces are of rubber too so I do not mind her corsets more as I can work in them better than I could in corsets from Van Orden's. Tomorrow we start for the north but make a detour in Kentucky to see the caves. Much love dear to Father dear.

Please remember me to Mrs Boyd. Affectionately Marion.

Main Ave.
Norwalk
Conn.

May 8th 1930

Mother dear,

Mother's Day is near and I do not want to let it pass this year without showing you how much I appreciate your kindness to me when I was in Fort Meyers. Please try to believe that having hardly known any other mother I am attached to you. You were my ideal as a child and a young girl of an exquisitely beautiful and sweet woman. I remember saying to Fanny Bisson, my little New York friend, that all I wanted you to do was to sit still and let me look at

you. Not my own mother inspired the two great loves of my life but Father dear did in my youth as in my later life and then came Oscar. What I can truly say is that I am very much attached to you and admire you more than any other woman I know. This makes it doubly hard to bear when you say anything to hurt my feelings. I am sure you do not mean to hurt my feeling so but after some of the blows that fate has dealt me I am perhaps oversensitive. In the future I will try to get over to Glenmont on Sunday for I suppose I have tried your patience by coming weekdays when you are so busy. It seems a pity that you have to work so hard when at home at Glenmont. That lovely place ought to be a haven of rest for you. Instead I find you tired out when then and looking exhausted. You were looking years younger when I saw you at Seminole Lodge and seemed

not even a little bit tired. Life would be just too wonderful if it could always be as on my delightful trip to Florida so Jake gave me a slap or two when I arrived home. A neighbor who lives back of my cottage owns the property next to my driveway. She set fire to her leaves on her side of the stone wall in my absence and as always happens my leaves were set afire too, burning not less than five shrubs upon which I have been showering my tenderest care for four years. I was all broken up over this loss. Besides that we have been over-worked as there is so much to be done around the place. The money I saved on my trip I invested in shrubs. Among them is something new to me — a Chinese shrub called "Devils Stick. It is something like bamboo, has large leaves and a big white flower at the top. It looks they say very tropical. Probably you know what they are. Two neighbors gave me some really worthwhile shrubs so that it seems to me that we have done nothing but work in the garden since we returned. Scott is excellent. I must tell you something which almost sounds like a joke. While his mistress has a Ford he is going to buy a six cylinder car for his own use. My friends in Germany will either laugh or feel like fainting when I break that piece of news to them. As it is dreadly hot I am writing this in the cool of the morning. Thank you for forwarding my letters. Glad to hear you and that adored father of mine are well. I washed his handkerchief yesterday with my silks undies & stocking and will return it as soon as I have darned and ironed it. I hope some time to have a smaller electrical machine for such things as mine down cellar is one of the largest on the market. I am sure you will have a happy Mother's Day & receive many tokens of love. Much love to you and father (Please return book).

Affectionately Marion.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

File Mrs. Hsu's letters

Wednesday

Mother dear,

How kind of you to send me the lovely flowers. Max Schling is certainly an artist and I never pass his shop without stopping to enjoy the beauty of his arrangement of flowers. Thanks so very much for thinking of me. I am bored almost to tears and needed a little cheering up. A hospital is such a depressing place. The roof is the best part of this high establishment and going as I do so early in the morning I get away from the deathly pale patients. The roof is a perfect copy of a ship at sea. The fog horns blowing on the Hudson yesterday morning and sitting in a steamer chair without a thing in sight made the delusion complete. There is a young Scotch sailor up there

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who keeps things delightfully clean. I must write my German friends about it for the idea is so unusual and attractive. I can hardly wait to go home and am counting the hours until Saturday. There is a poor woman next door who hiccoughs for about an hour at a time. As all the doors are open I get the full benefit of these spells which are nerve racking coming as they do so often. I am so dreadfully sorry for her too. Two doctors have found that I have neither high blood nor hardening of the arteries so that's that. Evidently the Norwalk doctor had to find something the matter with me so as to give me treatment and help bring back prosperity (to her). What they did find is uric acid and nerves in a very bad condition. The first is not so hard to get back to normal but unless I am very much mistaken the latter will be my cross as long as I live and must be borne no matter how hard. I could stand nervousness without murmuring if it did not affect my sleep. Dear Mother I want you to do me a favor. I have taken a great fancy to the photograph of Father which appeared in last Sunday's Herald-Tribune. It is the darlingest picture of him which I have seen in a long time. If you have any idea where to get it would you mind having your secretary have one sent to me C.O.D.? I would then have it framed for my room next winter. I will never feel at home unless I taken pictures and other little belongings to make my hotel room seem a little more homey. Lots of love to you and Father dear. Affectionately Marion.

Main Ave.
Norwalk
Conn.

Jan. 15th 1931

Mother dear,

Thank you so much for sending back my gloves. After I left I thought I might possibly have left them on the hall table so perhaps you found them where we wrapped up the cherries. They arrived in a perfect condition and have

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a sunny place on the wide window sill of my dining room which faces the south. It did not look a bit like the dusty plants one sees in the florist's windows and I am trying to keep it clean and bright by giving it a tepid shower every day. As usual I am up at five and doing this, instead of lying in bed worrying because I cannot sleep, makes me much more satisfied with my day when I look back at it in the evening. If we are very busy I think letters are the things we are most likely to neglect. I am not sure however that such a long day does not make me still more nervous. I am wondering if I am not getting on other people's nerves. Last Saturday at the opera I felt I ought to apologize to Mrs. Rodgers for being so fidgety. You have the same reposeful, quiet manner you had when I first knew you. At the time I said to Mary Bradley that you were so very beautiful that I liked you not talking much, for all I wanted you to do was to sit still and let me look at you. You know Mother dear we do not see ourselves as others see us so I would like to put up my opinion against your dressmaker's as to becoming colors for you. The lovely dress you wore on Christmas day was not anywhere near as becoming as

the dress trimmed with white you had on last Sunday. A little light color near our faces are always flattering. Although I too love old rose, strawberry and the many other shades of red I find them too trying to wear. I do hope Mme Gilis will keep me for I have put them to as little trouble as possible. I never complain when the models are on the road nor do I expect them to send me my dresses. Scott goes up with a box and gets them. I send a check for them too by the next mail so I am hoping I will have better luck than my friend Mrs. Whitehead. I went down with them yesterday, had lunch with Mary Bradley and then to the matinee. She is the same fine girl she always has been and I am sorry I see so little of her. I am going to see Madeleine Saturday before the opera. I should be nice if you happened to be there at the same time. Much love

Affectionately
Marion

Norwalk

Sunday morning
5,20 o'clock

Father darling,

This is some of the writing paper which was a Christmas gift so dont think I have gone into mourning. Although this is Sunday morning and most people are having what they consider the luxury of lying in bed late, I do not consider it one but am delighted to be up and doing. Of course I am not dressed yet but I have already slipped into shoes, stockings and a negligee, have turned on the furnace draft, opened my bed to air and have had about a three minutes walk to freshen me

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up out on the back porch. This is the first morning I have not had the moonlight for my morning constitutional in a long time but I have a powerful electric bulb which makes it out there as light as day. Colonial houses may be all right and are very fashionable but for solid comfort give me a house like this one. The porches add greatly to my comfort – the front one is far enough back from the road to be nice to sit on all summer and large enough to entertain friends – the back one is just as large, making it ideal for the morning hours when preparing vegetables or fruits for luncheon or for serving. Another joy is that I am never worried about the weather on wash days as I can hang my whole wash on my back porch and get it dry by evening no matter how hard it rains. When a man wanted to buy the cottage for a tempting sum I told him to come again later and speak with my heirs. I hope you received

my Christmas letter[3] as I did not want you to think I would let Christmas go by without sending you all sorts of good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. This is a letter to say good bye as I cannot make you understand if I try to talk to you. It is a great trial that I cannot talk to you. I cannot help but think of old days when I could talk to you. I often long to hear you read "Evangeline" again as you did in the days of my childhood. After an examination by the doctor there has come a note of seriousness in my usually so cheerful state of mind. I see one cannot bluff old dame nature. No fooling her into thinking I am between 35 or 40. As I have hardening of the arteries I think I had better quite up my thirty year old "boy freinds" and replace them by men of years of discretion. As I am so very strong and full of vitality I always thought I would be one of the 100 year old Edisons but my chances are not so good now and besides what difference does it really make?

We dont know we[4] are dead and there is no insomnia on that side of the fence. I do not think I will see you and Mother in Florida this year although I would love to go like last year when the opera season is over. It was really nicer last spring than when it is so crowded. Next summer I am in for a great treat – a trip to California, something I have been looking forward to ever since I came home. That will be all the travelling I ought to do in 1931. Florida will still be there in 1932 and gives me something else delightful to look forward to. Excuse this letter being written in such a rush. We are off for Glenmont at 10 o'clock as I am first going to freinds in Newark. It is a long trip so we always have to give a day to it. Good bye Father dear. Have a nice time in Florida and enjoy the loveliness of your beautiful home and the wonderful Florida climate. Heaps of love and good wishes.

Devotedly

Marion.

Hotel Edison
FORTY-SEVENTH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY
NEW YORK

Mar. 7th 1931

My dear Mother,

Just to see what it was like on account of its being named after Father dear I had them show me over the hotel and found it very attractive. Not only are their prices very reasonable but I have found a peach of a room which I will always try to get when I stay in New York over night. As I had to come to town yesterday, have been invited by Mrs. Spring for luncheon today and tomorrow to the opera, I thought I would stay here instead of the five hour drive

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back and forth every day. Schott is coming for me tomorrow evening as besides my suit case and hat box, I always take up a young neighbor who is working his way through college here. He dislikes New York, so almost always goes up to his Norwalk home for the week end. For New York this is an exceptionally lovely room and certainly not dear at $4.00 a day. This room is south-west and on the eighteenth floor. Being a corner room I have plenty of light and air and as I sit here at the western window I have a superb view of the Hudson. The southern window is double and no one across the way to bother one. No drilling near so that all the noise I get is like the humming of a beehive. I am quite surprised at myself liking anything in New York except women's clothes in general and the theatres. I want to thank you so much for your kind birthday greetings. The day was a quiet one as usual and the only presents I received were

from Aunt Alice and Scott. Fancy
Scott giving me a French telephone.
He is used to having anything he
wants and I do not think he is
always going to be a chauffeur. I
am not likely ever to get out again
as good as he is. He has been with
me a year next month. I am over the
scare I had about Mme Gilis. She
has started two new dresses for
me. I have come to the conclusion
that it is not as much Mme Gilis
herself as her dressmakers who
do not like the retail trade. It is
easier to have dresses cut in dif-
ferent sizes to make up and send
off than to fit people. I can quite
understand their standpoint. I
did not dare show my annoyance
yesterday that they wrote me to come
to be fitted when only one dress was
ready to be tried on. I would not
bother with them if ready made
dresses fitted me for there are plenty
of pretty dresses in this city being
the centre of women's apparel trade
for all the country. There were some
perfectly darling pictures in the
papers of you and Father taken
on his birthday. You both look as
well and happy as can be. It is quite
unusual that printed photographs
are so good. I dont like to be very rude
if I can help it so after all I went
with Beatrice to see her sister who is
living at the Bristol. I was surprised
to find her quite nice, good English,
decent make up, quite good manners
and sincere I think. From the very
first I have disliked Beatrice for her
lack of this latter quality. I am glad
that the long winter is almost over
and as I have heard that there are
blue birds about I think I must
get up the bird houses out of the
cellar soon so as to be ready for
them. I have several bird cafeterias
and the chickadees and woodpeckers
have been my best customers. I sup-
pose you are longing to be home again
for spring's awakening is certainly
the most beautiful time of the year.
I will hear by the papers or through
some member of the family when you
are returning and will go over to see
you as soon as you return. Ever so
much love also to that adored father
of mine Affectionately Marion.

Danbury Road
Norwalk
Conn.

April 14th 1931

My dear Mother,

This paper does not look very cheerful but Nesbi, the friend who gave it to me, writes that it is not half mourning so I must take his word for it although I am only half convinced. I was in for a delightful surprise day before yesterday when I came home and found the little box from Fort Meyers. The dainty little necklace is so pretty that of course I was delighted and wore it the very next day with a green dress as the light green and red-brown were so very pretty together. I usually wear pearls but a necklace like this

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is a nice change. Thank you so much, Mother dear, for your kind thought. I wonder if I wrote you that I have some new plans. I am sick and tired of those long cold drives back and forth from New York in winter although in summer I do not mind so much. As I have found such a wonderful room in the Hotel Edison with plenty of air and sunshine I have decided to try to spend next winter in town. I say try for good reasons for I may have to give my plan up after a week or two. My doctor seems to think that living alone as I do it would take my mind off my insomnia to go away when the long winter evenings come. He is right when he says that it is a wonderful city for music and lectures and he advises me to take my walks in Central Park or Riverside Drive and keep off the noisy streets as much as possible. Any way I am going to try it. I have become a member of the Women's National Republican

Club which will give me a new interest. The club house is now next to Tiffany's on 37th St. but we are to have a new one soon near 50th St. & Fifth Ave. I know very little about politics as yet but I will let others do the talking and I will do the listening and so I will soon know a lot more than I do now. I am too shy ever to be very active in such a club but they wont miss that in me for the other members are just bursting with the thousand and one things they want to say. It is a wonder they dont limit the time for speech making in more cases than they do. I do not want Scott to wait until fall to look for a new position as it will be much more difficult towards winter to get a good place. If you happen to hear of anyone who needs a chauffeur please let me have their address. Perhaps Mrs. Howe a friend may take him later in the summer when her new house

is finished as he is such a handy man around the house and grounds but she was not certain which rather worries me for there is so much unemployment. She is very busy now planting a new lawn in front of the house which will greatly improve the looks of the place as it was very much run down. The country is beginning to look lovely and it seems such a pity that you and Father miss this lovely time of the year. Well anyway it is beautiful where you are and that must be a consolation. I hope you are both as well as you look in your pictures. Fritz, my brother-in-law, sent me one of the largest pictures of you and Father dear I ever saw in a paper. With love to you both and again thanks many times for the lovely necklace,

Affectionately

Marion.

those most helpful little engagement calendars I put her birth day down three weeks in advance which gives me time to buy a card and get it to her. Mrs. Oker wrote me a few words on one of Fritz's cards the other day which were quite remarkable for a woman almost ninety. She is in bed in a Sanatorium near Leipzig where she will have to stay until the end. As she will not receive Oscar's wife he does not go near her. This is really her only sorrow for she is happy and cheerful because of her great faith in God. I remember how often she used the expression when making plans of any kind "if God will". She was very sweet and kind to me and

I have a family of blue birds and of orioles in the big oak tree at the side of the cottage and wrens in the maple tree.

Danbury Road
Norwalk
Conn.

Friday

Dear Mother,

The enclosed card is sending you my best wishes for your birthday. Your birthday coming as it does two days after the Fourth is so easy to remember. I have so often forgotten my other little mother's birthday that now that you introduced me to

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I will always think of her with affection. My brother-in-law writes that life in Germany is like sitting on a keg of gunpowder which you are in fear of exploding. Bless President Hoover if he can help this sick world to get well again. Twice I started for Oranges since you came home but going farther than New York. The heat first wilted me and I started for home. Although at my own cost I put three advertisements in the paper recommending Scott as a chauffeur and his name has been put down at several agencies he has not been able to get a position. He has gone up to Maine on a ten days' ~~vacation~~ and

hopes to find something there but I doubt it. Such a capable man as he is sure to find something but I am afraid it will not be a job to his liking. I would never have told him my plans for next winter if I had not thought it the right thing to do so that he could look for a position as chauffeur at a favorable time of year. I certainly want to see you and Father dear soon so I will just have to brave the heat and get over to Orange before you leave for Chautauqua or some cooler place than Orange. It seems a pity that you have only a few months in which to enjoy beautiful Glenmont. Much love also to that adored father of mine.

Affectionately
Marion.

Hotel Victoria
West 51st St.
New York City

Jan. 21st 1931

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Dear Mother,

A phone call is often most unsatisfactory on account of the noise so I thought I would write instead. You have probably already heard the good news which means so much to all of us for Father's sake. Of course the harm which has already been done can never be eliminated. The will too was most unwisely worded and has tarnished Father's fame for all times.

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Kathleen Norris' article about it last Sunday we can only hope will be the last of it's kind. The whole thing has been almost a tragedy. I have done my best to use my influence but bad influence was more powerful with Will than mine so that until a week ago I was prepared for the worst. Things looked brighter when I was in Wilmington, brighter still at the meeting of Tom, Will and me in my room here and brightest of all when Will & Charles shook hands in Mr. McCauters office. I consider the last three months as the most miserable of my life. Today my engagement calendar is black with engagements but tomorrow I can find time to call on Aunt Mary & Carolyn. Poor Carolyn, she certainly is having atrocious luck. Everyone, including myself, thinks my room here lovely so this will be my address for some time. If you are ever near here come up up among the clouds for a chat. Affectionately

Marion.

Family Records Series -- Charles Edison Fund Collection
Edison-Miller Family Papers
Madeleine Edison Sloane and John Eyre Sloane

The selected items in this folder cover the years 1923 and 1928-1931. They consist mainly of correspondence from Madeleine Edison to her parents, Thomas A. and Mina Miller Edison. Some of the letters were written by Madeleine's husband John Eyre Sloane. The letters discuss Madeleine's social and civic activities, as well as the birth and upbringing of her four children. Several letters from 1929 mention Madeleine's gall bladder surgery and recovery. The correspondence contains numerous references to Thomas Edison's health, travel, and celebrity. There are also comments concerning Glenmont, the Edison home in Llewellyn Park, New Jersey, and Seminole Lodge, the family's winter home in Fort Myers, Florida.

Six hundred and one Cathedral Parkway

Copy

New York City, March 3, 1923.

Mrs. John Sloan,
Orange Memorial Hospital,
Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sloan:

I congratulate you on the arrival of what I understand is a beautiful, happy boy who is welcomed by all his relatives.

As one who was in ~~Washington~~ Glenmont at the momentous time, may I take the liberty of sending you a small spoon for the child whose name is ? .

March 2nd is St. Chad's day, named for an early missionary. You will find the sign of the Zodiac and the clock giving the time which, when I know the minute, I will be glad to have engraved as well as the name when the spoon is returned with it.

I wish that he will bring you all much happiness and hope that he will grow up as good a man as his father and grandfathers.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

George F. Kunz,

Spoon and original letter sent to Memorial Hospital by messenger

It was grand to have a real letter from you the other day. I'll have to have it framed I guess. Nell is sailing home the 19th of May and I have to see about getting another governess. She has certainly been a great comfort to me this time.

Lots of love Mother darling and Father too.

Madeline.

[APRIL 22, 1928]

Darling Mother:

This is a nice rainy Sunday morning and I'm sure we'll have a restful day with the three children and the dog. It has been quite inexcusably cold for this season and the lovely weather we had Easter made this season worse. However I suppose the warm weather will come soon enough.

Last week was a pretty full one & this week promises to be more so. Monday Anne & I went down to the Duke place in Somerville after trees. We took Atkinson and went in her car and I was just breathing sighs of satisfaction at not having to do the driving when the car suddenly began making the most fiendish noise and we had to put it away in a nearby garage and wait for hours until another car came out from the laboratory to the rescue. That put us all out for the day so that we had no lunch and got back to our house about four o'clock - just in time for me to be able to drive to Morristown for an appointment at

Mrs. Macy!! I felt that I had seen quite a little of the back country of Jersey that day. Anne got about 16 trees and I got six nice little Douglas firs for blocking out some of that row of houses. We have to go somewhat slower on our planting because you can't build a house and plant too.

Tuesday night was the last Philadelphia Concert and I had the box. Invited Mrs. Brown & Irene and Dr. & Mrs. Bradshaw and Lucius. Both the Browns & the Bradshaws have asked us for several things and I thought it was time to reciprocate – We went up to Lucius' apartment for cocktails and then had a very nice dinner at the Plaza and then on to the concert – We missed almost all of the first half, worse luck, but did get there in time to hear a little Schumann – The next half of the program was the most awful modern frightfulness by Stravinsky – It was very well done according to next day's critics but it was pretty terrible to listen to – Though as Irene pointed out it is an experience to hear such a thing. The party all seemed to have a good time – I got a most gushing letter from Mrs. Bradshaw afterwards.

Wednesday night we had Theodore and Anne here to dinner & then went down to Newark to see "Broadway" – Theodore said we absolutely must not miss it –

They were going for Theodore's third view of the performance. Even there certainly is something the matter with my point of view - I thought it was a perfectly childish play and how anybody could sit through it three times is beyond me - The only thing that relieved the boredom was a good murder. I guess I must be getting old.

Thursday I took the whole family (except John) down to Dr. von Hofe's office to be thoroughly gone over from all points of the compass. They all seem to be hale + hearty - only a few minor things to be attended to. Ted, he says, has a splendid torso and he thinks will be very strong. Baby has a bit too much stimulation and he thinks camp would be a good solution for the old or boy especially Jack - So that Peter would have a little less excitement in the home. Jack swears he will not go to camp and I am wondering if perhaps I could arrange to send him up with Bob Halpenny for a month. I am going to write Bob and find out. It would be a good thing I think to give Ted + Jack some relief from each other.

Harriet Yardley gave a small tea party for a cousin

of Marie Cozzens who is at present occupying Florence's house in the Park while Florence & Tom are abroad. I was taking care of Peter that afternoon & she said to bring him along so I did and he behaved like an absolute angel I never saw anybody of his age so quiet and the ladies were charmed.

Friday Mr. Gallinson came out and that night there was a dinner party and two balls. Gladys Firth and Penelope Summerville gave a dinner party to getter and my Ruisley invited us. There was a dance at Rock Spring too - so we stayed there till eleven and had a fine time - then decided we would have to put in an appearance at the other dance at the Lawn Tennis Club which the combined Kelsey families were giving. That I thought was a horrid party and I wished we were back at Rock Spring. The music however was wonderful and the whole party must have cost the mint. I think they must have their social debts paid for years to come.

Saturday was Jack's birthday and that of course was the grand climax of a hectic week, not that anything very much happened but the excitement was intense - Your letters arrived on the dot and telegrams was much appreciated Uncle brought the gold piece so all was a success — The party unfortunately has to hold over till next Saturday — I am feeling fine again so don't worry about my ordering. By the way Lena is sick - I think simply tired out with shock and the hard trip and ordeal at the end. She had a hard

and which has settled on her chest. I think it would be a good thing for her if she could be here

Darling mother -

Just a line as to latest developments. Called up Marian as, to Dr. Lambert and learned he is a specialist on some kind of extra fine pneumonia that Uncle Will had - so he wouldn't be very much good in my case. Dr. Walter Niles seems to be the one most useful - though Carolyn of course thinks there is nobody like Dr. Howe - It doesn't seem to me that Dr. Howe has done such a frightful lot for them though except to send them in to expensive sanatoriums where I wouldn't go on a bet.

Dr. Parker I think is more than hasty

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leaning towards my theory of pure nerves as the cause of this manifestation. He gave me every test known to man and some unknown, and can't seem to find much that is organically wrong. My blood pressure is grand - 120 I think he said - my lungs & heart are excellent. everything seems to be in pretty good shape in short - and he can't feel any enlargement of the gall bladder even. The X rays were not satisfactory to anybody - The plan now is for me to go to Dr. Niles for a check up and see what he says. I'll probably wait till next week - and if he isn't perfectly satisfactory I'll go somewhere else. You may rest assured that there will be no unnecessary

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operation as the prospect does not appeal enough. However if they all say it is necessary then I want to have it over with at once.

I feel stronger all the time but am taking things very quietly and not doing anything - I don't feel as if I had much starch so to speak and it may take time to get it back. I've lost ten pounds which consoles me for almost anything. The maids are very sympathetic and taking marvellous care of me and - Ted especially will not let me lift a finger. He has really been quite worried I think. Everybody around has been in to see me - Mrs. Merck and Harriet Yardley - Lily - Dora Cox & Edith - Anna - Florence and of course Jess & Mary Barrett, so I haven't

been too lonely - Thank goodness they did come for I was bored to tears and the nurse I had was a terrible moron - though fine with the children - We are getting the Tillson Road house cleaned up as people are looking at it and it was quite time it was put in order - Hope we can sell it this Spring.

I won't write any more as Peter will be home in a minute & Dyer can mail this.

Lots of love and don't worry because I'm getting along all right -

Madeline.

January 28, 1929

Darling Mother -

Probably you think I have paralysis of the writing arm or something but I have just been busy with lots of writing to do on other things. I don't know just where to begin to catch up with you. First about the Frasers. I don't quite understand what it is you want me to ask them. Is this a separate thing you are having done for yourself or has it anything to do with the commission for Dearborn? and do you want me to find out if they could come down there along about march 1st and work along at the same time as the other sculptor? I don't understand about finding out about price etc. as this is the first I know of the project. Will you be more explicit?

Jack has a cold - nothing serious but we are keeping him in bed and having him osteopathed -

John's old friend, Addison Van Tine and his very attractive wife spent the week end with us and Saturday night we had a dinner for them here and played bridge afterwards. As nobody went home until about one o'clock I guess it was a successful party. Adelaide had some people in informally to tea next day for them and altogether it went off without too much effort.

John goes to Detroit to-morrow for a couple of days - I hope he'll be back Friday at the latest. Saturday we are taking ~~Eddie~~ the small boys to see Gillette in "Sherlock Holmes" down in Newark.

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Ted and Jack are each inviting your friends.

Last Saturday we took them to the motor boat Show which was a great disappointment to Ted because there were not nearly enough racing models to suit him — but we met one of the most famous motor boat racing drivers in the country which ought to have helped Jack's pilot

The pictures of our house with an article on same are coming out in the next issue of "Town and Country" — in March "Charm" is publishing them with an article by me — unless they decide not to take it when they see it —

Everyone is talking about your interview in the American. I haven't seen it yet but am getting a copy to-morrow. Did you see the editorial on it in this morning's Times? I never send you those things because I think you get them all and don't want to complicate your mail any more than it is already.

This is just a scribble to let you know we're alive —

I'll write more later — lots of love to you all —

Madeleine

January 31. 1929.

Darling mother + Father -

Uncle + Florence came up to dinner before Dr. Vincent's lecture Tuesday night and showed us the snap shots of the place which certainly do look grand. I am so glad it all came out so nicely and you are satisfied and comfortable.

We asked Dr. and Mrs. Vincent to dinner but he said he had already refused one invitation (Mrs. Brown's) and that he never ate before his lectures as the excitement of talking at a dinner beforehand took it out of him too much.

He gave a corking lecture as usual on the inspiring subject of yellow fever - It really was inspiring as he handled it. We went around back to speak to him afterward and he said he would be delighted to come out to dine with us some other time when he wasn't lecturing - Do you suppose we dare ask him? Mrs. Vincent and Elizabeth are about to depart on a trip to Yucatan and Mexico City.

Mother Sloane had rather a nasty carriage accident at Aiken. You know she went at the last minute in my place. It seems they were driving - she and Allamaidy - following a hunt and got ditched or something. The buggy turned over and mother Sloane was thrown out

while Allamaidy landed on top of her. She has cracked a small vertebra in her neck and torn all the ligaments. They think it will heal alright and don't call it dangerous - but it is very painful and she can't sleep except flat on her back - Also her diabetes is bad again and she has to go up to Summit or somewhere for observation for ten days. Altogether she is feeling pretty punk and John is simply sunk on account of it. We are going over there for dinner to-night -

Jack has recovered and is back at School - though he has a little cough still. We've been having very cold but rather bracing weather and to me its been a relief from the varying temperatures we were rejoicing in.

Things here at the house are slowly progressing. I finally ordered some covering for the chairs and my curtains + rods are ~~now~~ at last being made. I begin to see daylight I think - though there will be considerable time elapse before its all together even now.

We were all set to have a play in march but so many of the men were so deeply involved in business cares that we post poned it indefinitely. I am a little disappointed, and not a little relieved. It would have been interesting but I have plenty to do without it and I think its much better not to have it if its any strain on anybody. We had such a good time out of it last time it would be a pity to spoil it. Charles still seems to be working like a slave on - but thinks the worst will be over in about ten days. They didn't go down to the lecture but Theodore and Anne and Cousin Edith were there -

Much love to you both.

Madeline.

have made him one of the board of managers of the Park and as it was the first meeting he had to go. Ted was at a banquet his Camp was giving at the Y.M.C.A. – and Peter was asleep.

I did not go to the Edison Pioneers luncheon this year so cannot tell you about that. I hear from Florence that it was a rather gloomy occasion because of the evidences of increasing age in the membership.

In the afternoon I was invited to meet Will Rogers and Ruth Draper at the Rehearsal Club but did not go to that either –

Last night we gave a dinner for Tom here at the house. We had the Chubbs – the Walkers, the Cox's and the Lords. All of whom have entertained us. Henry came + helped at the table and it all

Llewellyn Park
Feb. 14, 1929.

Darling Mother and Father:

Your radio party was a great success the other evening and it made me quite homesick to listen to Father sounding so natural a thousand or so miles away! He is getting to be quite an after dinner speech maker I think and I liked what he said and how he said it. Jack and I listened in at home and we called in the maids where Father went on – to their intense excitement. John missed it as he had to go to a Park meeting. They

went off very well. There was a very elaborate party at Rock Spring to which we intended to take the dinner guests afterward but nobody seemed to care about going and apparently preferred sitting around the fire so we didn't get there.

Saturday night Emmy Reynolds is giving a dinner and one of the chief guests is Bryant Baker an English sculptor who is one of those figuring on doing the statue of Father for the Ford museum - I'm to sit next to him I believe so I'll let you know if he's going to be an asset - provided he gets the commission.

I'm awfully sorry I didn't answer your telegram about Peter. It seems to be hard for me to get around to doing anything lately. Cousin E. said she couldn't possibly get ready and I couldn't either really. Also I'd forgotten completely about his possible absence and had engaged Major Hanley and his puppets to come and give a demonstration on Peter's birthday, so I want to wait till after that.

We have accommodations for March 22. and returning I think April 8. I am not sure whether John will think he can go or not but at any rate his berth is reserved. I think it would do him lots of good. I certainly wish Charles and Carolyn could get down there. They don't seem to think it will be possible - -

Interrupted here. To continue. I was talking to Carolyn on the phone to-day and it seems Dr. Howe recommends strongly that they go down after these tests and things are over. Charles thinks he can't go till Theodore comes back and nobody knows when that is likely to happen - I think Father should command his presence or something. He might just as well

had to go to Baltimore so I went up when she had to go and am thankful I did for a dreadier hole I've never seen. It is Otto Kahn's old place and it has been let go to seed very thoroughly. The doctor in charge is supposed to be the best in the country with one exception, on diabetes etc. but such a place. They say they have a lot of trouble with patients being depressed and I must say I don't wonder. She is doing very well and has reduced her sugar count to ½ what she had when she started. Her neck is 0.15. — She says of course these doctors are not at all interested in that — all they care about is her calorie content. All the doctors + nurses except the head one are Austrians and speak broken English.

leave the business article now instead of being thoroughly sick and having to leave it for a longer time.

Mrs Thos Sloane is getting along well. Did I tell you she had to go to Morristown to a sanitarium to be under observation on account of diabetes? Luckily Adelaide, who is always on the job - went up with her to look it over and came home shocked at the looks of the place and the frightful room Mrs Thos Sloane was to have. She telephoned me and we decided it simply couldn't be done and we'd pay for a better room between us. Whereupon Tattie Sloane began to see the light and got her a better room himself. Adelaide

Mother Sloane certainly is a sport if ever there was one. We try to go up often and often people drop in so I hope it won't be so bad and that she will soon be able to get home. I took up some plants from the green house the first day + some flowers and they certainly did a lot to make the first hours more endurable. Thanks for the grapefruit and oranges which arrived. The children seem to get away with them very fast so I am keeping most of them and very thankfully.

House is gradually getting more and more straightened out. A few curtains have actually been decided on but I'm in a state where I don't know yellows from pinks and have decided I just better not buy anything for awhile - till I get out of it down south and can have a fresh eye on things.

There is not much more news. I am staying home To-day resting - and working a little on the model for the flower show.

Lots of love to you both.

Madeline.

The children - (all generations) were delighted with the valentine. I have done something dreadful just for me a valentine for you to be addressed and I haven't the slightest idea what to name it. Please don't give me away or I shall certainly be slain in my tracks!

February 21 - 1929.

Darling mother:

We are now rejoicing in a case of chicken pox - I came home from Tours yesterday to find Ted not feeling well and rejoicing in a number of little red spots - which on further investigation I recognized immediately - Jack you know had it some time ago and neither of the others got it - so now apparently its their turn - This makes it particularly pleasant as the period of incubation is ten days so

if Peter gets it from Ted it will bring it right at his birthday and also right at the time I had planned to send him south - I hope to heavens he comes down before the ten days or not at all - It isn't in the least serious of course but is annoying dog gone it. By the way Cousin Edith says she has heard nothing from you regarding her coming down there and of course would not consider going unless she does hear further - What about it? Would you rather we just brought Peter along with us for the two weeks we are planning to stay? I rather hope John will be able to come with us and we all have accomodations for March 11. landing us at Fort Myers on Sunday morning - and

have taken them for the return trip on April 6 - landing here April 8. That gives us Easter Sunday with you and a week (barely) on each side. It isn't much but it all we can really manage on account of school - especially as Ted will be out two weeks now. If you'd rather we can just bring Peter down then as we have enough rooms provided John goes. Charles thinks he can't go down yet - in fact I guess he isn't really in shape to go as he's going through various treatments and I don't think we ought all to land on you at the same time which it looks to me might happen - though we had planned so carefully not to. Perhaps however, Charles would be ready to go before the 22 - he certainly should be made to go if only Father and he won't talk business continuously - but if they do get off - how about Cousin Edith? Please advise.

Aunt Mary had invited me to lunch to-day and I had invited her to go to the Theatre Guild to see the new O'Neil play "Dynamo" - I never have any luck on giving or receiving parties with Aunt Mary and of course I didn't feel like leaving Ted to-day so this was no exception to the rule. I sent her my regrets and my tickets and she is taking some one else in yours and my place. Also had a date to go to dinner with the Chalmers and called that off - there is almost a blizzard raging outside and their two children are in bed with colds so all in all we thought it was too much to attempt though I was going to try it as they sail for Europe on the 1st of March and it's almost over

wondered if he is there.

2nd Do you know if Mr. Ford has decided on his sculptor for Father's statue and if so - who is it? I told you I expected to meet Bryant Baker who is one of the bidders - well I did and he seems very competent and is really an extremely nice man - I took a trip to Brooklyn to see his statue of the "Pioneer Mother" - which is on its way to Oklahoma - He has won two competitions for these statues I remember seeing one of his small models and thinking it was too "pretty" but he has changed it since then and it is now a very interesting group. I am wondering if he will get the order

last chance of seeing them. I certainly dread the next few weeks. It is our grand hodge podge of birthdays - Flower Show - Concerts - and now chicken pox!! I haven't got any clothes for Peter if he does go South - Expected to spend this morning shopping for those. However I suppose I'll get through it somehow.

Two or three questions I would like to have an answer to.

Is Bob Halgrim in Fort Myers or is he expected shortly? If this European trip pans out suddenly - I may have to wire him to know if he can and when sail when we can get passage - and I'll have to know promptly. He expected at Christmas to go South in February and I

from Mr. Ford? I would very much like to know. Does Mr. Ford realize I wonder that if he wants the statue ready in October it has to be begun within the next month or so - that is portrait sketches etc. made? Mr Baker has been two years making the Pioneer mother but of course that is an enormous thing. It takes an awfully long time to cast them in bronze after they are finished by the sculptor and I don't think people realize this. Mr. Baker seems to be a friend of Mr. Fraser.

I wrote Mrs. Ford at the request of our Garden Club President - (Lily) to ask if she would give us a speech on the work of the Farm and Garden Association. I took a chance on her being at Fort Myers as she should be there according to the newspapers.

Ted is awake now so I'd better go up and be with him. I was about to indulge in some tickets for the Belgian Band when along come a whole lot from you. Thanks ever and ever so much - They should be wonderful from all I hear. Our concert is going rather slowly I fear to state. We are handing the populace something on a silver platter it seems to me but they simply don't know enough to take advantage of it.

Forgive my sloppy writing - I am hurrying.

lots of love to you both.

Madeleine.

April 15-1919.

Darling mother and father.

There isn't very much to report about your erring child — other than that she is getting stronger every day and that we are taking steps to find out the best people to get diagnoses from etc. John is calling up Marian — I take it you meant Marian Nichols to find out which of the dozen Dr. Lamberts you refer to. Dr. Walter Niles is also being looked up. He is a very fine diagnostician — has done quite a little work for Alice and heaven

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knows she has had enough of it to be done, and also the money to employ all the best talent. Dr. Parker knows Dr. Niles and says there is nobody better. However will look up Dr. Lambert too.

Now mother - the operation of course may not have to be done at all, and we will not proceed unless we are reasonably sure that its the thing to do - but please if its got to be done - don't ask me to wait till fall - Just put yourself in my place for a minute and realize that while it does mean a couple of days extra anxiety for you and I know

~~that~~ its hard to be so far away and all that and I wish it didn't need to be – you can't really in the last analysis be of much use to me when I'm under altar, whether you are in Florida or in the next room and putting it off till fall just gives me a horrid summer of uncertainty and anticipation and a horrid winter when I won't be able to do anything. Having it over now I'll have the summer to recover and it will be done. The other way means almost a year for me. It's awfully hard for me when you and Father keep saying don't do this. don't do that etc. and it don't

See, if you get the very best opinions all around - but what you've got to trust somebody - Personally I think you would have been lots better off if Father had consented to let you see some decent specialists + have an operation - and I think he would be a lot better off for some X rays - It stands to reason that these men who spend their lives at the thing must know something and that there has been some advance in medicine + surgery - and ~~X~~ even - You know how Father is and how hard it is to do anything for him - but you just back him up to the limit when its a case of somebody else - I don't think doctors are

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infallible but then I don't think
Father is either - and as I say if
you get the best person there is in
his line - all you can do is trust
them - Of course I might die
under ether - but then I might be
lying in bed sometime & the plaster
come down on my head - accidents
will happen - and in any case
everybody has to die sometime - and
if living along nursing a sick gall
bladder and feeling that I may have
a worse attack any minute is to
be the alternative - I much prefer
taking a chance whatever the outcome.
As a matter of fact it is one of
the simplest operations and they do
it all the time - So please don't

~~makes~~ make it harder for me -
We will keep you advised and if the
thing really has to be done we can
keep in touch by telephone and you
will know everything almost as soon
as if you were here - Wasn't that a
wonderful connection we had the other
night? I could hear you as plainly as
if you were at Glenmont.

We have been treated to a long series of
gray days - five or six in a row with no
sight of the sun - I wish it would come
out so I could lie out on the terrace
in a steamer chair.

You will be sorry to hear that
Bertha Browning (Hunt) is in the
memorial - Something is the matter
with her eyes and I guess it's quite
serious. The story is that they

Brownings made her get out of that house about three weeks after Fred Brownings' death and that she isn't provided for financially by anybody. Shock and strain are supposed to have brought about this condition but of course it may be something worse. Of course you can't judge people and the tales may not be true but it does seem like a pretty rotten way of acting on the part of the Brownings.

The children look perfectly blooming. I think their sojourn did them a lot of good. Peter got me the most beautiful necklace at the 10 cent store the other day as a consolation for being sick. He has also presented me with a duck but has refunded it back when I have recovered.

Charles & Carolyn have been in a complete state of flurries. Their house is actually showing some wall - and they are getting very

busy over it. Carolyn says she stays up there most of the time. I don't think I am going to like this stone work much though it may look better as it goes on. Don't tell them I said so - but I think it's going to give a very cold, dark effect and I don't like the way it's laid. However there's very little to go on as yet.

Anne escorted the children to Alice's circus party Saturday in my place. They all seem to have had a grand time. Alice had about twenty - (nieces + nephews + aforesaidages) to lunch and then took them in a bus to the circus. It was Peter's first and we have had a continuous performance since. Teddy says it's funny what the circus does to some people!

Please don't worry about me any more than you have to Mother dear and remember we'll keep in touch with you and will not rush into things without plenty of 22-3/72

thought – meanwhile won't you please try to get a little sleep in the middle of the day? Take off your clothes & regularly go to bed while Father is providing his own amusement in the laboratory. Please do it.

Lots of love to you both from us all –

Daughter.

April 23, 1929.

Darling mother:

Well I went in and I saw Dr. Niles and I don't know much more than I did before except that he doesn't seem to think I need an immediate operation, if any. However he wants me to go in next week and stay four days - at Miss Schlesinger's preferably, and take a lot of tests etc. Miss Schlesinger being one place I always hoped to keep out of - this does not give

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me a vast amount of cheer, and we are finding out if the tests etc. are such that I could not stay at a hotel instead. Alice has asked me to stay at her house but she isn't well herself and I don't think my presence would be such a tremendous asset at the moment - and I'd feel more independent at a hotel anyway - after all these things are done to me they certainly ought to know something - Thank you mother dearie for your offer of the room at the Plaza - You can give it to me for four days if you like

but just now the one place I feel like staying is at home. The children don't bother me and I haven't much desire to galivant around trying to amuse myself. and without that desire New York seems a total loss.

I am awfully glad you have been having cool weather. The longer it keeps up is so much pure gain for you. June 12 also sounds better than the 20th. Do keep up the good work.

Lucius telephoned us on his way from California to Europe and John and I had lunch with him Monday. He looks fine and is en route back to Cannes - taking his California patient along. Such is life for the Constitutional Psychologist! He says Bogie is having a bad time with the Belgian Band and is in a very bad state of nerves. I would like to see at least three people in the pink of condition mentally and physically just at present. It seems to me about everybody is on the ragged edge - or just over it.

Uncle John came up for a moment this morning. He seemed very well but Florence says he is awfully tired. I think you and Unc should take a trip together this summer.

I'm going to cut this short because I've got another note to write and want to get both off - I thought you would want to know about the diagnosis and progresses. I don't think Dr. Hiles altogether subscribes to my theory that it is all nerves - but I bet it is just the same. lots of love. Madeleine

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DAN H. WITT, M.D.
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NEW YORK

May 14th, 1929.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers,
Fla.

Dear Mrs. Edison:-

Your daughter, Mrs. John E. Sloane, has recently consulted me and yesterday I presented my conclusions to her and to Mr. Sloane. I secured further x-ray examinations and from her history, physical examination and the x-rays, have concluded that she is suffering with a chronic inflammation of her gall bladder, which probably contains gall stones, and I believe that her appendix is also chronically inflammed.

It is the best medical opinion of the day that in such cases the best interests of the patient are served by removing the gall bladder and the appendix, and I have advised Mr. and Mrs. Sloane to have her operated upon in the near future. It is possible that Mrs. Sloane may get along for months, or even several years, without further attacks of pain, but the condition is impairing her health and I believe that she will not be well until she is operated upon.

In such cases I always believe in having more than one opinion and have therefore arranged for her to see Dr. Eugene H. Pool, who is one of the leading surgeons in New York. I am writing this at the request of Mrs. Sloane.

Very sincerely yours,

Walter Niles

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the hospital's model patient -

Of course I'm afraid that the good Lord is thinking about King George or some other old boy with rheumatism instead of me as he has made this current birthday one of the hottest in history. Thank goodness my room is on the side of the hospital and I do get such breeze as is going but I'm so thankful this spell of weather didn't happen last week. It was what I was dreading.

Your flowers have been simply marvellous !! The big basket was a wonder and the red roses - the new

THE HARBOR
667 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

May 31 - 1929 -

Darling mother and Father -

This being my own private "Mother's Day" - I take my pen in hand to hope that you are feeling as chippen as the weather - although possibly without such assets as a little rubber tubing in the tummy! -

My stitches have all been taken out and I haven't had any drugs to make me sleep and altogether I'm

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lovely - Mrs. Chadwick and Miss Stadler each sent me a box of lovely flowers - Mrs. Wilson (nurse) acknowledged them but you might tell them how much I appreciated their kindness and thought. Everybody has been very good to me - in fact - Some quite unexpectedly, and it certainly does make a difference to have flowers in the room -
I have had no visitors yet - I think, to Mrs. Wilson's secret joy. She apparently doesn't believe in the species. My only social contact is when the Doctor comes to do the dressing. Fortunately he looks like a distinguished British peer so that is some consolation.
John and the boys seem to be fine and the children all spoke to me over the phone last night. They wished me "Many Happy Returns of to-morrow" but as Jack remarked gloomily - "Tomorrow never comes" - Probably he's feeling the heat too.
Every time Dr. Pool finishes my dressing he remarks to himself sweetly: "Thank you, Doctor" so in view of what this day has meant to me - first and last and for all the lovely things you've done as the years rolled by one by one -
I'll just end this up with a whole heartful of love and "Thank you Parents" -
Daughter.

My dear Mother Edison —

Madeleine has been doing very well as far as the wound and general recovery are concerned. After the hot weather she had an attack of indigestion - vomiting - that hurt her a good deal and this morning she has had a slight indisposition too. The doctor gave her an injection for both of them but otherwise she has not been having any dope. They say that it has been possible to stop injections with her much sooner than with most people. The present program is for her to sit up Friday and they hope that she will be able to come home either the 12th or 14th - Personally I believe she will be feeling very limp for some time. The doctor wants her to be absolutely quiet for two months from the operation date and then he says she will be O.K. It certainly has not been any fun.

The children have been fine - their conduct and health except for Peter's poison ivy. I certainly wish there was a deal cure for that.

At home everything has been running smoothly. With the change of weather I picked up a nasty cold that has tried to settle in my sinus but now it is on the wane as I took a lot of bicarb etc yesterday and last night seemed to do it a lot of good.

School finishes today. The teachers tell me that all three boys are fine at their work and seem to be very pleased to have them there. Ted graduates into the upper school and his examination marks were: Geography 95 - Latin 90. History 97 English 85 Arithmetic 95. An awfully good showing I think for our oldest little dumbbell! Tomorrow this class has some exercises at the Montclair Museum and he has to recite a piece called "A new boy at Montclair". He and another new boy composed it. It is too bad you won't be there. He will be all dolled up within an inch of his life - long white trousers - blue blazer - shining face and slicked down hair! Unfortunately Madeleine has to miss it too.

The others of the family seem to be fine. Chas & Evelyn had a few days rest at Sunapee

Ted who has been working so hard on radios looked first rate the other day after they were all shipped out. I hear the new one is fine. Florence has been running a junior hospital but said they were out of the woods the last time I talked to her on the phone.

The roof is going on Charles House so you will get a very good idea of it when you return. Our place is looking better every day but we certainly have lots planting etc that we can do in the woods etc for some years to come. We find it very comfortable and it will have that restful quality that Madeleine always achieves in her work —

M. has enjoyed all the beautiful flowers you have sent her - they have all been so different and one more lovely than the last —

With much love from us all —

John

June 5th 1929

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Dear Ga, Mrs. Shower's fella

Osterville, Mass.
July 2

We are having a wonderful time here.

Yesterday we went in a race with the sail boat. We got a bad start, and did not know the course at all.

~~Ted's outboard motor and boat are in use.~~

~~P.S. We came in last in race.~~

Love,
Jack

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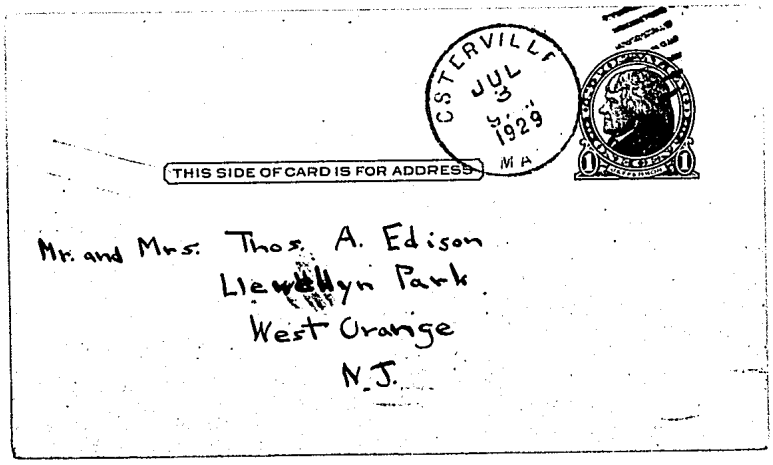
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
West Orange
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lack the personal touch but which is at any rate better than nothing. Apparently Chautauqua was a fine party. I hope our telegram was all right. Did you see it? John wrote it and I thought it was a masterpiece. Did everything go off as well as you hoped? I read your speech in the Tribune and thought it was excellent. I didn't see the Times that day for which I was sorry as they carried a lot about the celebration and might have given a fuller report of the proceedings.

Now I see you are entertaining the White Hopes from the nation wide book up of youthful geniuses. They will probably

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Pres. Roosevelt's letters.

address - just
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Oyster Bay - Mass -
July 29, 1929.

Darling Mother:

You probably think - if you've had time to think of me at all - that I have quit writing altogether but such is not the case although it is very hard to keep writing into the air as it were and getting absolutely no word from anybody in the family. Fortunately I have been able to follow you all pretty well in the newspapers - a method which may be said to

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all have such a gay time that none of them will be able to pass any examination! I envy them the dinner on the Roof garden of the Bossert Hotel in Brooklyn. It's a place I've always wanted to go myself.

I do not think I ever have said thank you for that most attractive dress you sent up to my great surprise and delight. It just fits and them as have seen it seem to think it is very becoming. Also thanks for the article on poisoning. John has sent for the pamphlet from the Department of Agriculture:

Peter certainly does not look like a poisoning subject now. You never saw anything so brown - and he has taken to diving off the big spring board to the astonishment of everybody on the beach. It really is funny to see their expressions as this tiny thing dives in and swims back doing the crawl stroke -. Of course somebody always is on hand to catch him if necessary.

The boys are getting fun out of the sailing. Their boat - a rented one of course - has the most awful sails I ever saw so they can't expect very brilliant results in racing. but they are learning to sail and another year will be able to do much better.

I am feeling better - went over to the Bodells this afternoon and stood the racket + confusion over there much better than usual so I know I'm improving. At first I couldn't stand it at all. Also went to a clam bake Helen (Dennis) Ewing gave and survived that very pleasantly. I feel pretty strong but am still nervous - However I notice a constant improvement in that direction. Lots of love from us all - Madeline.

[CA July 1929]

Mrs. Grant

Osterville
Mass

Darling Mother and Father:

First I want to thank you for the gorgeous basket of fruit which came yesterday and which we are enjoying "mouth-tongue-can-feel".

John and I took a motor ride up the Cape to-day and I got a better idea of the place or at least found some scenery more as I thought it

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would be. Right around us here it isn't very picturesque.

Have been following your doings in the paper - and am glad to see you christened Mrs. King's plane safely. Tho I don't think much of her name. Who gave it - why "Betsy Ross"?

John telephoned you when he was in Orange but found you had left for Chautauqua. Did you have to make a one night stand and then go out again for the Centenary?

It does not seem to me it would be very wise for me to try to make that trip for the celebration. What

do you think? I feel as if I were not doing my duty as a member of the family but it would be quite a hard journey and then the receptions etc. I am afraid would be too much for me — though I hope to go up to Maine the last of August. That is no trip however from here and it is very quiet when you get there and besides its a month off — What do you think about Chautauqua? Please advise.

So far as my feeling go I have almost forgotten I ever had an operation except that I get tired rather quicker than in my natural state. You positively wouldn't know me and I suppose I'll get fat again along with returning health.

You ought to see Peter swim! He is going to beat the older boys all hollow. I never saw anything like the way he gets through the water. They are all getting as brown as Indians and I think having a good time. Jack and Bob (Putnam) went out and watched the Senior Sailing Race from the Committee Boat this afternoon so as to get some pointers for racing. So far they have come in consistently last and they feel that some improvement is in order. It is almost chilly up here at night so I imagine the hot wave is ended in New York and I certainly hope so. John said it was terrific down there.

I'm going to bed early to-night on account of the motoring this afternoon — So I'll say good-night —

Lots of love, Madeline

August 17. 1938.

Darling mother -

Was terribly sorry to learn through Jack's letter that you've been in bed for a week - but considering all things I'm not much surprised. I do wish you'd try to take things easy just for a little while. The two boys have been out in a sailing race which was almost called on account of darkness - there being no wind. They insist on sailing by themselves without the assistance of the tutor and they come in last every time but notwithstanding that they seem to like it better and I imagine they learn more. Sailing is too slow for Ted however who announces with fervor that he prefers the out board motor. There is a race of those to-morrow. and a big race for them next Saturday - to which Ted is going - with a mechanic !! We never expected to have a racing driver in the family but you never can tell. If he doesn't wreck the motor and drown himself - his mechanic will race the boat later in the professional class -

The Bodells have a most interesting man from St. Louis visiting them - by the name of Judge Taylor. He Receives

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Mr. King and Clarence was in his law office for five years or so. It is great fun to hear him talk - the other night it was about crime and the underworld in general - last night about international politics. The Bodells have very interesting people with them. I think the nature of Joe's business is such that he makes all these exciting contacts, and he is very well up on things himself.

We had a wonderful day Saturday when John was here. Drove way up to the Tip end of the Cape - to Provincetown - where we had a picnic lunch. The children climbed the monument to the Pilgrim Fathers but John and I decided our day for climbing monuments was past. We went into the art exhibition and then to see a collection of ship models and maps - It was really a lovely day and even Peter seemed to get a great deal out of it and not be too tired.

I am going to make this a short letter because the children are departing for bed and I think I'll look up and go up too - Thought the picture of the line-up of judges etc. was a fine one in the Tribune Sunday. I do hope the reporters don't pin the designation of "Brightest boy in America" on ~~that~~ poor Huston's child for life - It's a terrible handicap to be known by that handle everywhere - His mother certainly looks delighted doesn't she - He is an awfully nice looking boy.

Ever so much love to you all — and do try to get rested!!

Madeline.

enjoyed it very much. It had a great deal of atmosphere (French Revolution period) and though the action wasn't violent I thought the whole thing most interesting.

Next night we went in town for dinner and monday night Mrs. Garrison asked us over there. She had a Mr. & Mrs. Ray Dennis from Morristown and after dinner Mr. Dennis sang. I have heard quite a little about them from the Chalmers who know them - It was quite pleasant and as Marion G. is about to depart on a two months trip to California via Panama - it will probably be the last we see of her in some time. Lydia it seems was elected to represent her college - (What is it?) at some conference at Leland Stanford with all expenses paid so Marion thought it a golden opportunity to go along.

Yesterday I spent a hard day shopping in New York but did accomplish quite a

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1929.

Darling Mother -

You probably think the gap bridged by my telegram was pretty big but it just seems as if 24 hours a day were not enough to get everything in and to write a letter you have to have at least comparative peace!

After we saw you off I went on into New York and to the theatre field as you know. Dorothy Ford went with me and though the critics have roasted the play quite unmercifully we both

for and got almost all your Christmas for the boys - with 3
about $25 in cash left for each. I am saving the bills etc
and will let you know later in detail what I got.
To-night is the Kreisler concert and we are having the Wilkinsons
and Adams here for dinner. It will be the first time I've ever heard
Kreisler if Fate allows me to reach the concert hall -
The children are fine. Both older boys skating and Peter playing games
under Katherine's tutelage. She needed some extra money and Peter
some extra companionship so she comes and brings her baby and
it works like a charm. They also walk around the park and meet
other children but it was too cold to-day.
The house (Sentment, I mean) is being put away very nicely and ~~quite~~ quite expeditiously
Atkinson is getting off some huge boxes of plants to-day and working
hard on that. I am rejoiced to hear from your telegram that
you are really spending some days in bed resting. Its the only
way. And I would recommend a good exciting novel to take
your mind off everything for fifteen or twenty minutes. Have you
read "Forever Free" - Its a good story and gives quite a
side light on Lincoln & family so you won't have to feel you
are wasting your time... I hope if Father wants a man
stenographer you'll have Miss Holley come anyhow for you
so your stuff won't pile up on you. I think that is what
tires you most of all - and if people will keep off you it would
be a gorgeous chance to get some of it off your mind. The
trouble with you is that you take on a new set of worries whenever
you go - and never get a chance to get through with the old ones -
Expect to see everybody in Orange at the concert to-night and may be able
to tell you more interesting news in my next.
I found I can get the little bracelet for Nancy at Miss Meiles and have
ordered it. What did you want done with the baby's gold buckles which
were to have new ribbon put in?
Think I'll telegraph you again to-night because this will take so long.
Everything is fine - Love you to pieces.

Madeleine.

The day after.

Darling mother.

Well the great day is over and I am recuperating on the sofa writing to you! It was fine to hear your voice yesterday and to have you sing the carol with us makes the succession of Christmases unbroken after all - though somewhat stretched so to speak. Everybody made a violent effort to be there on time which was lucky because the telephone Company called us right on the dot. John had arranged to have a clear wire and we had to arrange it all over again when we heard you were going to church at 11:30 as it was originally set for that time. However it all worked out well and we could hear you beautifully

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Could you hear us? I telephoned the Horsey family but they telephoned later that they couldn't make it. It would have been pretty difficult to get Mrs. Perine up there so she was not approached on the subject. You talked to everyone else I think. Atkinson had gone out to the Greenhouse to get some plants and was broken hearted when he came back and found he had missed the telephone call. Uncle John got a little organ from the Y.M.C.A. a most dilapidated little thing but it seemed to produce sounds – and Uncle Will was the organist. Most of the chorus was in tears at the end of the carol. Atkinson had the place looking very pretty – the living tree covered and Molloy had the hall fire going. We had him remove some of the shrouded chairs so that the first thing you saw was the cheerful fire and a basket of poinsettias on the pedestal below my portrait which point shows so from the front door – There they had a more or less clear

view set through the reception room to the conservatory with the poinsettias & tree and bright colored lamps. It was really very pretty and it was lovely of you to think of giving us a little lift of Christmas. Mr Clement where to begin to thank you for all the lovely I don't know just where to begin to thank you for all the lovely things Santa Claus brought us. The linen is gorgeous and the things Santa Claus brought us. It is beautiful. Glad Frances bought certainly fine an elephant shawl. It is beautiful. We opened our was a delight and the amber necklace & bracelet are much appreciated in bed at Christmas time and they are much appreciated. The children each have about 20 to 25 dollars left also. The children each have about 20 to 25 dollars left over of the Xmas fund. I got rather mixed on the things but hope I got the accounts fairly straight. I'll send you a tentative report on this. On Saturday was pretty strenuous. George Cathey had no time to go and was pretty sure so we had him out here. He arrived Christmas eve and Charles and Carolyn came to dinner to help us trim the tree. Billy Ae that artistic talent it is quite a chef d'oeuvre. George has presented us with two paintings – one of which is so romantic that John

doesn't seem to appreciate it much.
but I think its very amusing. Its a picture
of an old negro mammy holding a child -
George has exactly 2.99 dollars left in the
world he tells me cheerily - and no job to
speak of. It bucked him up a little to out
here I think - anyway it gave him something
else to think about and some decent food.
The Sloanes had a big Christmas party as
usual with dozens of children - Santa Claus
and all the trimmings - We got back here
about six o'clock and Phoebe and Julia came
back and got supper for us. I was about
dead but not really so tired as usual.
The children I think had a fine day - they
are tired but that is to be expected -
I do hope our tea kettle arrived in good
condition and that you will get pleasure out
of using it.
We missed you horribly mother dear and
hope you won't be away another
Christmas.
Lots of love and thousands of thanks to
you and Father for all our beautiful things -
and for being our parents! Happy New year
Madeleine
Love to Bogie

Madeleine was delighted with the linen and the Frazer boys and the kids enjoyed all their presents to the utmost. Yesterday was recovery day at home. They were all very tired and quiet. Madeleine was delighted to hear from Bogie Low well you and Father Edison seemed. You certainly have had a most hectic and difficult year and it is fine to know that you are obtaining some real rest. We were all terribly sorry to have you go so soon and wish he with you on Christmas but if you are both going to feel a great deal better that will be a very decided compensation.

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Dear Mother Edison

It was fine to hear you so plainly on Christmas day. It was quite amusing to watch some of the people at the phone because they could not think what to say. Apparently with a crowd looking on it was like a first appearance at a microphone.

It was a lovely day with just enough snow on the ground.

We were quite overwhelmed with all the beautiful things you gave us and I want to thank you especially for all you sent me. That travelling case is a great one. Not to overlook the checks.

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My here all the family both yours and mine seem quite well. Mother has had some trouble with a broken blood vessel in her eye but I think that is clearing up and we hope she will be all over it in a little while.

We have not been doing very much socially. Our dinner for Alan Anderson went off very well and I think they all had a good time. Saturday we are coming in to a dinner Lucien is giving at the Plaza and then going to the Embassy Club to dance. We are going to stay in and dine out Sunday morning.

The boys are having a fine rest from school. They were all very busy buying Christmas presents for every body and apparently taking a great interest in it.

Best to all, love

John.

Dec 27, 1929

January 8, 1930.

Darling Mother:

I am going over to Jess' this morning to address envelopes etc for the concert - but it seems to be some days since I've written you and I want to get a line off, however brief. The concerts are going pretty well but of course the intensive struggle is upon us as we have to drive now to sell all tickets between this and Feb. 22 - I am attending to the publicity this year which is ever so much more

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interesting than the printing - I have had to use myself quite a little and a photo of picture, will be coming out in the local papers the end of this week - Also one in "Charm" for February and perhaps one in the Herald Tribune. Pictures of the house (not published for the benefit of the concert), with an article on same should be in the Feb. 1 issue of Town + Country or the Feb. 15th. Be sure to look for them, Mrs. Patterson the Art Editor, came out and had lunch with me and went all over the house - I haven't the vaguest idea what she will write but hope she will do a good job.

Carolyn came over to dinner last night but went home very soon afterward to get a massage. Charles had a good day yesterday and feels much better. I did not write you

about his being in town because he thought he would 3
like to write you first. Don't worry too much about you —
because Dr. Howe is certainly on his trail and if he only
stays long enough and doesn't try to do things he will be
all right. He is worried for your Father and thinks he
ought not to be away I think. I wish Father didn't have
to know anything about it but I suppose that is impossible.
I don't see however what good it will do to have business
flourish if Charles loses his health and its his chance to go
through with a thorough rest cure — because certainly he is
all in. I think the radio discussion was just one too
many. Everything at the plant seems to be going smoothly as
a matter of fact — The Executive Committee they had formed seems
to be functioning and everything is calm and peaceful. I do hope
Father won't worry because that worries Charles and really
there isn't anything else he can do. You mustn't worry either on
the other side of the question — He was pretty much all in but he's
getting better all the time and you know what those rest cures
can accomplish — if only he finishes it out — I think probably he
ought to go away somewhere afterward only not to Florida where
discussions might begin all over again. It seems pretty sad with
that lovely place and you all ready to take care of him but you can
see what would undoubtedly happen — and I really think he
needs a complete change of scene where nobody will even remind
him of radio etc.
I am trying to do as you tell me and be a "mother" to the
family but I must say, I'm not much of a substitute. Anne +
Theodore were up here Saturday and George Ashley dropped in unexpectedly
He and Theodore had a discussion on ART that would have lasted until
dawn if we had not had a dinner engagement. They had a grand
time disagreeing with each other. Anne + I had a nice afternoon
Tuesday at one of the Actors Fund matinees. I thought it was going to be
fun of cheer and it turned out to be one of the most gruesome things
I've ever seen — lots + lots of love mother darling. Madeleine.

January 24, 1930.

Darling Mother:

John is still in Detroit and Jack in bed. I am hoping he can get up and go to-morrow when we take ten assorted small boys to see Gillette in "Sherlock Holmes" in Newark. We are having them for a buffet luncheon first and as one has dropped out we are even taking Peter! It will be his first play — indeed I'm not sure it isn't the first real play for the others also - and I'm looking forward to seeing his face at the interesting moments. The older boys have seen so many

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movies that perhaps it will seem lame to them.

The article in The American was very nice I thought - much more so than I would have expected from the rather glassy physiognomy of Mr. Crowell — more sympathetic I mean. I am delighted with the pictures, which came yesterday. Somehow I seem to recognize your fine Italian hand in what is written beneath - although the chirography appears to be Father's.

I have nothing so very cheerful to write you about in a way. It seems to me whenever you go to Florida I have nothing to chronicle but proper dying right and left. The doctors give no hope for Mr. Walton. He is just gently going away — doesn't suffer - just getting weaker and sinking slowly. It is really a wonderful way to go - but we shall all miss him. He is a darling. Mrs. Walton is very brave but of course she's pretty sick herself though not dangerously so. Mrs. Morse they tell me, is up and down. Last I heard she was much better. Then not so well. Maybe has a little son. I suppose Anne will tell you. She keeps track of the minutes and I of the hours and days. Anne told me she sent you the clipping about Jessie King's death. That certainly was a shock to us. I had not heard it till Anne told me.

Carolyn I haven't seen lately. She is worrying herself to a bone on the house. People who have seen it say the colors are lovely upstairs and I think it's the prettiest place out first. She will eventually get something very nice. I think it's best to ~~get~~ keep away so far as I am concerned for the first reaction to anything I say is strongly negative — and keep the time she doesn't see you when she's talking about. She thinks it is better for Charles to be left alone and I think so too for the present. So I've not been in there at all — Heaven knows when I could bear some it anyway. I think he is getting along nicely though and probably could see me but they don't want him to have a day's visitors

I am having a great time with the Actors Fund & Theatre Guild tickets which seem to have converged into the last couple of weeks - saw "Meteor" yesterday and didn't like it but most other people do so I guess I'm no judge. I gave next week's opera tickets to Mother Sloane because I went on the ones you gave Mrs. Merck which she couldn't use - and I don't want to desert John too many Saturdays. Anyway I saw "Tristan & Isolde" which I'd rather hear than any other opera so I'm satisfied, and Mother Sloane was delighted. One of her eyes has gone bad somehow & she has to do things where close sight doesn't count.

I will try to get in next week and see the Frasers & The Arden Galleries, to see if I can get a picture of the fountain.

Lots of love darling Mother - and love to all the others of your houseparty.

Madeline.

interesting possibility that they'll forget to put a mattress under her —

Ted has just bought a little black spaniel which is the pride and joy of his heart — It has just lost its little breakfast on the wing chair but such is life — and I suppose we'll have to bear it. The adoration lavished on him by Ted is almost pathetic — and after all what is a wing chair more or less — Thank heaven the frescoes are on the wall.

We are slowly recovering from what Charles calls the "Chris-mess" — slowly. The boys go back to school on

out of the water a little way and the fountain comes from it. It can be made to spout or to gurgle softly I think. I'll look and see if there's anything else.

Good-bye darling mother. Take care of yourself and thanks a lot for your letters. We love to get them — madeline.

Darling mother.

I'm starting in to New York shortly for the opera this afternoon — It is Tosca with Jeritza and Martinelli — an opera I've never heard and from the description in the Standard Opera Glass I should say it would be a merry afternoon — I always want to throw things at Jeritza anyway so probably it will be a relief to see her jump off into Space at the end of the third act — and there's always the

The eighth - when things will become more or less routine again.

Mrs. Merck is quite ill. Elspeth telephoned and said she was sending me the opera tickets you had given her mother because she wouldn't be able to use them, and seemed quite worried over her condition. They don't seem to know exactly what is the matter unless this acute attack is grippe - but I suppose arthritis is the real trouble.

Speaking of arthritis we got to the very doors of the Theatre Guild last Thursday to be met with the announcement that Alfred Lunt was sick and there would be no matinée - arthritis is what he's supposed to have -

Alice Dane had a general New year's party as usual and everybody was there in force - we hurried away to take Jack to a party he was invited to - only to have him burst into tears and say he wouldn't go because I had not told him earlier. The emotional tension after the holidays is highly interesting.

I will look at the Arden galleries and see if there is anything suitable for a fountain. Would you want a very big one? They had one measuring about two feet or so. (from the bottom of the pool that is for its designed to sit on the bottom) - in the form of a sort of lily. It was very pretty and I might be able to get a picture of it. I think it cost somewhere around 250.00 I was looking at it for our pool but don't think I'll do anything about it now -

The flower sits

[January 1930]

Darling Mum —

This is an awful day outside — raining and freezing as it falls. We seem to be having a series of terrible week ends — very bad for the figure as all modes of exercising are impossible.

Great excitement reigns in the household as Ted made his social début last night at a dinner dance!! Jess had about nineteen infants of the long trouser age to dine and go to Miss Joralemons fortnightly dancing class — and asked Ted. It is the first time he has manifested any interest whatsoever in such activities but all the other boys his age have been showered with invitations to parties during the holidays and he has had none — and as he explained he "doesn't like that". We went down to help transport some of them to the dance, and had a look at the dining room after the party had left. All I can say is that we shall have to confine our entertaining of the young to the summer months when they can eat on the terrace or else as John suggests, cover the frescoes with burlap and remove the rug. Anyway they had a grand time and Ted now wants to join the dancing class.

for the rest of the season - I suppose this is the beginning of the end.

Mrs. Merritt sent me her opera tickets from you for yesterday. She is very sick. I telephoned this morning and got Miss Bentleson on the wire. She said they thought she was a little better this morning and had been able to take a little nourishment. But she didn't sound very encouraging. Anne took some flowers from the green house up there the other day. Elspeth is there and Jim comes and goes. Mr. Walton is also ill and has had or has just missed having a slight stroke. He cannot speak but is most cheery and patient. Poor Mrs. Walton can only go in to see him once a day - She realizes how ill he is they think.

The opera was "Tristan" and very thrilling as always. John didn't want to go so I took George Ashley with me. He was not thrilling, but I think it was a great inspiration to him. It's only his third opera he's ever seen -

Lucius is at present on the high seas returning to Europe with Mr. Blumenthal. Expects to return in April he says.

Has Father ever been in St. Petersburg in his life? "The New Yorker" has been running a series of articles on him in the course of which they repeat the silly story about his "wrestling" with Mr. Wanamaker in St. Petersburg. I remember going out to the Wanamaker yacht once in Fort Meyers but don't remember seeing any wrestling match - However it may have been a day of low visibility. The articles are rather unpleasant in their tone I think

and I am considering inviting the author of them out here next Spring to meet Father as he so obviously never has had that privilege.

Did I write you that Julie Thompson Turner is expecting another baby almost anytime now! She wrote me that she was so relieved to have got through the Christmas festivities safely as she was afraid of gratifying her eldest daughter's earnest wish that the Baby be born on Christmas day so it could be called "Jesus" Turner.

Next week Saturday is to be a large day in the annals of the family as we are all going in to the motor boat Show. Ted will probably want every boat in the place. His mind is all set for Cape Cod again next year. If we do go I shall try to get Bob Halgrim to spend the summer with us and look after them. I can trust him and he won't want to be chasing girls all the time. What do they pay him down there? Perhaps it is better not to say anything to him now until our plans are more definite and since last summer was a disappointment to everybody - but it would be a relief to me to know he could be with us if we have to go. I must say that summer is a sort of nightmare to me but this year may be a little better as I won't be feeling so miserable I trust.

We are going over to see Mother Sloane shortly as we haven't laid eyes on him since New Years - I haven't the latest report from Charles but you probably hear direct anyway.

Lots and lots of love to you all -

Madeleine

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Mr. Sloane

Friday, February 7. 1930.

Darling Mother:

John is having an osteopathic treatment and the children are about to depart for bed – George Ashley has just departed for Town. I found him here on my return this afternoon – I lunched with Mother Sloane and went to see the Herbeins this morning. Somehow I feel the day has been pretty full! The Herbeins of course sent you many loving messages. I went to see Mrs. Herbein because I remembered the symbolic flower arrangements she did at our wedding and I have to give a talk about flower arrangements on march 5 before the Greenwich Garden Club. I didn't get very much help from "Grace" but a great deal of uplifting conversation. At one point I thought she was going to cry she got that emotional. I guess I am hard boiled. At any rate I'm glad I escaped her little tower room (or whatever it was) conversations with the young ladies of the parish when she was in Orange – I don't think it would have been safe. I found she got most of her information out of a book on Japanese flower arrangement which I have here on my own library shelves. I did take some notes and return in good order – (I trust) slightly exhausted

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but still able to drive the car. Stephen was downstairs for the first time after his illness - I thought he looked fairly well, and was as cheerful as ever.

I asked the Arden galleries to send you some pictures of heroes and things I found there the other day. You don't want to go as high as a thousand dollars do you? The things I sent are quite inexpensive - if you do want to go as high as that I think Mr. Fraser could do it for that in bronze - but I shouldn't think it would be worth while because cheaper things are quite as effective. Dear Thetta was telling me the other day that some grand mogul in Palm Beach - whether a Frick, a Phipps, or a Carnegie, I don't just remember, has a swan made of plaster which they have painted dark green or black. I think that might easily be very good looking and would cost so very little comparatively. Speaking of dear Thetta I don't see how in the world I can throw a party for the Ralph Franks because they leave on the 17th and there is hardly time. Thetta is giving a dinner for them Saturday and taking the guests to the Tennis Club afterwards. Monday & Tuesday are taken up for us in New York and anyway it's so late to get anybody. I will however consult with Anne about it as she is more than vintage.

I am sorry you let anybody talk you in to using your picture for advertising - particularly Fleischmann's yeast if that is what it is. They have the cheapest and most unpleasant yarn all about one's inner workings. I think it's awful and I don't think the Playground Recreation thing is worth it - that is it seems to me they could raise the money some other way.

However it may not be so bad as I think - but I wonder if you realize that you will run in all the magazines for months - and heaven knows where else because the Fleischman people have never had anybody of any consequence before and they'll probably make the most of it. All I can say is that you must love the Playgrounds very much and you certainly are a saint to do it for I don't think you are going to like it.

Speaking of the Press did you see the pictures of the house and an article on the same in Feb. 1. "Town and Country"? If you did not will you let me know as we have some extra copies. The photograph you have of me was in "Charm" last month in connection with the Schelling Concerts - It's not really good though it looks as good as can be expected - And next month they are publishing some pictures of the house. John thinks we ought to retire from the public eye after that and I think myself it would be restful.

We are going in to the Pioneers luncheon as I suppose we ought to - probably being the only ones who will unless Theodore has a change of heart. Monday this "Rehearsal Club" has a tea and I have the job of bringing Mary Nash. The actress, on a leash or by some other method - to be one of the guests of honor.

Has the Actors Fund sent you a subscription blank for next year? The plays so far have been very entertaining - except for Earl Carroll's exhibition which was entertaining but somewhat electrifying to anybody from the Country to say the least. Next year I believe they are going to exercise a little discrimination in their choice of plays which wouldn't be a bad thing.

The children are fine and all came home with fine reports this month.

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Ted is on the honor roll for English with a mark of 90. He also got 90 in French. Pulled up his latin to 70 or 75. and got a 75 in history. He is working hard and seems very happy in this school. Jack has so many A's its monotonous. He apparently does very good work and keeps it up steadily whereas Ted varies. Peter got an A in conduct this month as well as in general progress so we feel that younger generation in this family has done itself proud.

I must stop and do some chores. When Theodore comes up for luncheon he never seems to go until I drive him out and the consequence is I get nothing done - because naturally I want him to stay as long as its humanly possible. He is a funny child. I am enjoying him very much but oh boy how he can argue! I am generally a complete wreck by the time he leaves.

Lots of love to you. I hear by the papers that you are taking up golf. That sounds fine except that I hope you won't play when the sun is too far up. That course seems to me like a regular back one. I want to try golf too this spring. It bores me to tears but John likes it and I think it would probably be good for us both.

Ever so much love again -

Madeleine.

February 13, 1930.

Darling mother.

I feel as though I had neglected you lately as I can't remember when I last wrote, but hope you'll forgive me. As you learned via our telegram we attended the Pioneer's luncheon and Marion was not present, having gone to spend the day in Wilmington with Blanche + Bill. Charles and Carolyn, Tom + Beatrice, Florence + Uncle Annie and ourselves upheld the family honor. Theodore has a cold + thought best to be discreet. It was very much as usual but as John and I left early I cannot tell you about the speeches. It probably was awful to go but we had the actors fund tickets for "Subway Express" and they were somewhat late starting luncheon guess the Pioneers think I came only for the annual corsage bouquet!! Charles has gained 11 pounds and looks infinitely improved. They expect to get off to Arizona in a few days. I know how you feel about wishing he could come down there and it does seem too bad but I don't think it would be at all the right thing and anyway Dr. Hour seems to think the climate of Arizona would be beneficial to his asthma among other reasons.

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If Aunt Grace is still with you tell her she made a most tremendous hit with some old bird at Detroit by telling him archly that he looked like an honest man when he mentioned the fact that he was some seventy odd years old. Doubtless she will remember the episode. I don't think I shall ever forget it either now, and I didn't think I would ever forget the old boy's name but I seem to have done so inadvertently. Anyhow he's a pioneer & was in Detroit – and tells it every fifteen minutes.

Theodore's cold isn't bad – it's only that he thought he had better get well on it.

We went down to the Franks yesterday to ask if they would be guests of honor at a small & exclusive tea gathering on Sunday afternoon so people could say a fond farewell to them – but found that Thetta is giving a farewell herself so we graciously withdrew. It was the only thing we could really manage – its so hard to get up a party on short notice. Thetta wants to see this house and invited herself & family to come on Saturday instead but we have promised the boys to take them to the aviation show that day so it couldn't be done.

I certainly must have some sort of a party at which I can entertain some of the older people.

Had a very successful reception at the Rittenhouse Club – where I'm one of the managers – on Monday last. I asked Mrs. A. J. Smith as I thought she was a person who ought to be interested and she certainly was that. She sat enthroned in an armchair

saying she really must go at every second breath - but she
didn't go for about an hour. I also asked Mrs. Brown and she
came too. As fast everybody I asked - nearly - turned up with smiling
faces. The guests of honor were Mary Nash, Evelyn Laye, and
Leslie Howard - the two last being the current male & female
matinée idols of the hour. The place was full of actors & actresses
past, present & future and it really was quite fun -
Somebody introduced me as "Edison's daughter" and the gentleman
said - "Oh Bob Edison?" The world there is
quite interesting though I don't know so much about it yet. I wished
myself on the house committee and that has to do with furnishing &
repairs which will be right in my line. We have John D. Rockefeller's
daughter and ~~there~~ the erstwhile Miss Stettinius on the board
So I'm in exalted company.
Am not doing anything for the flower show this year in any way.
I thought I'd take a year off.
I was delighted with the message accompanying the long
cigarette holder! It is truly the longest one I ever saw and I'm
wondering if I won't be completely unconscious ~~that~~ I'm smoking at
all! ~~The~~ valentine dress is too pretty for words and the
beads fascinating. You certainly do get attractive things down there.
Thank you ever so much mother darling - I'm afraid you
are spending most of your time getting things off to us up
here.
I'm glad you liked the pictures in Town & Country.
Peter has a new song book & wants me to play a tune for him
to sing - so farewell for this time.
Ever so much love. Madeleine.

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Charles & Carolyn got off Monday & Margaret Adams went with them. Charles is looking well though not much color of course. He put on 11 pounds at the hospital & has quite a corporation. Carolyn of course was tired from trying to look after the new house & Chas at the hospital. The house is pretty well finished with only certain details to take care of; though quite important ones - They have stopped work on it until they return.

Theodore & Ann seem well but Ted seems to get unduly nervous and worked up over some things. He really needs a house of his own instead of that apartment because he is

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Dear Mother Edison -

Everybody up here seems to have been under a good deal of pressure this winter but it looks as though we might get an early spring and that will make us all feel better. At home we have been somehow busy watching out to head off any incipient colds getting the children around to Motorboat shows airplane shows occasional parties etc. and going out ourselves sometimes. Last night we had dinner with the Tuckers in town and met little Ann Bagby among others. They were all a good deal older than we are which Madeleine thought indicated we must be ready for the grave.

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working hard and you can relax & get much more refreshed in a place in the Park than down town.

I dont think he likes to do as much administrative work as he has had to do recently and that I think is what bothers him. He has a number of ideas about economics and social relations that are not entirely in accord with the average business as it happens to be organized & conducted to-day. He has very strong convictions as you know and I think it is a strain on him to have to participate in conducting things along lines he does not entirely agree with. A lot of his ideas are very good of course but we all have some ideas that possibly cant be fitted into the surroundings at the moment. It seems to me that as he goes along he will develope his ideas and methods and find ways of applying those that stand the acid test of time and so feel much better about everything.

On the whole business is looking very much better and things are going along quite satisfactorially with me though they have been very slow until recently. Am feeling much less nervous which is a great relief. Madeleine looked very sweet last night ah dieuse. Love to you all

Jalen

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day as I have to get it your —

Philadelphia.

It is practically summer up here at the moment — though last Sunday the thermometer stood at zero. Charles and Carolyn got off monday — apparently in fine spirits. Margaret Adams went with them and Edith Wallace says she hopes they all come back looking as well as they did when they started! I think it must have been excitement making Carolyn look well, however, because I think really she is very tired. It ought to be a fine trip and I think having Margaret along will probably be a good thing —

Theodore comes up quite regularly for lunch and seems better I think — We usually spend the time debating some highly scientific subject — scientific on his part that is — masquerade. I got him two costumes — one of which he liked enormously really, but Peaps saying "It will take a lot of courage to wear that one — its so flamboyant!"

Ever so much love Mother darling and Father too.

Madeleine.

February 21, 1930.

Darling mother.

I started you a letter some time ago — and found I had very little news to put in so didn't finish it — and the result was that it never got off at all and I have very little more news now! However — Here's lots of love and best wishes to you and Father for your Anniversary! I am ordering you a "Garden Record Book" which I hope will prove useful but it won't get there in time to greet you on that

Our first concert comes to-morrow and the pleasure of entertaining Mr. Schelling falls to me as Florence did not want to have a luncheon and I seemed to be the only one available to take him off her hands. She is feeding my children and I am having Schelling, Mrs. Wm. Thayer Brown — Gertrude Holmes — and the Brodis. John will be here as it's a holiday. I would rather have had somebody instead of the Brodis in a way but Jess works like a dog over these concerts and I think if anybody merits a few of the pleasures of the day she does — I was not keen to have the party at all but I guess we'll get through ~~it~~ all right — Everybody says he is charming and very informal and I trust that Phoebe will cook the chicken to his taste. He has to have a bath and a glass of orange juice immediately upon arrival — I don't know whether I have to give him a shampoo or anything after lunch but I suppose I shall learn.

Please answer the following query: Is there any book — preferably not out of a set (like George Eliot for instance) that you like especially and would like to have around a good deal. I mean the way I like Marcus Aurelius to read occasionally — or poems or Essays? I want to know for a special reason.

I could not get the Franks party in as it was too late to get up a dinner and I was hectic just at the moment. I told her about it and tried to arrange a tea for the day before they left but Mama Franks was giving one herself — so that was that.

George Ashley is getting all sorts of jobs since those pictures came out in "Town & Country". Thank goodness — as he is nearly down to his last dollar.

We are going up to Rock Spring to a "Monte Carlo" Party — to-night, having dinner first at Florence Grebble's (Colgate) To-morrow Ted is going to a

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Darling Mother - ans.

You and I seem about equally good on correspondence lately! I have been having a hectic time trying to prepare a lecture on Flower Arrangement - to be given before the Greenwich Garden Club in New York. I thought the date was March 5th and was tearing my hair out by the roots as I've been interrupted so much, and haven't felt like working at it for various reasons and couldn't get any of the flowers I wanted! Yesterday at John's suggestion I just locked myself up in the study and worked like mad - not even taking time to look at the mail. When I did look however, I found a note from the Greenwich Garden Club lady saying that the meeting was on March 11th !! I feel as though I had just been reprieved from the electric chair! I don't know how I'm ever going to get away with the darn thing anyway but this gives me a week longer to agonize and doesn't come in the middle of all the family birthdays at least! Peter is having Nancy & Stuart over to supper to-morrow to help him celebrate and on the 15th is having a theatre party consisting of two other small children to go to see "Peter Pan" in New York. I tried my best to get out of having anyone to-morrow - the occasion falling on the Sabbath

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but he said it was His Birthday Sunday and nothing else & would do but to celebrate on the date. So Nancy & Stuart are coming at four o'clock for Supper & much festivity March 2nd. He has had his presents this morning and is going to Fannie's for lunch. I had an extra book which I presented to him for you so don't be surprised when you get the letter of thanks - written on the new typewriter. I hope we live through the day. One of the maids is sick so it has been a little confused this week too. She hopes to get back to-morrow. Ted's birthday has it even been considered as yet.

John and I hope to get off the end of the week to motor up to Cooperstown N.Y. to look at a house we might consider renting for the summer - There is also one on Cape Cod we may look at. Cooperstown isn't so far and sounds pretty good but you never can tell till you see it. There's a lake for Ted to do out boards on - and it sounds like a decent place which is more than you can say for some of them - I should want Bob Halpriin either there or in Cape Cod but I don't like to write him until it is somewhat definite as we disappointed him last year. Do you know what pay he gets down there? I don't suppose he is so important to the rubber industry that he couldn't be spared to me? It would make considerable difference to our decision whether we could get him or not.

You seem to be having a galaxy of visitors - I do hope you will have a chance sometime to get that rest we've been speaking of.

Did I tell you we entertained Ernest Schelling here at the house for luncheon after the concert last Saturday. He was quite delightful

and as we were all discussing Communism he has sent me a large collection of pamphlets on the subject which I suppose I will have to have a thorough working knowledge of by the next concert.

Don't worry too much about Theodore. I do think there are quite a few things wrong with him – among them his point of view, but I think a great many things he will just have to grow out of. He is certainly a queer child and curiously immature about some things. I hate to see him so unhappy as he is but it is somewhat a case of the square peg in the round hole. He and Charles are about as different in their mental reactions as two people could possibly be. I think that for all his crazy ideas I understand Theodore's point of view better than Charles' or at least I sympathize more with it. A good trip by himself might help him but where would he go? He will have to get hold of himself by himself I think. Please don't let on to him that I have written anything to you about him or that you are worrying over him – Above all not that. I am trying to get to know him a little better by talking to him when he comes up here and getting to know something of his problems – I don't think there's anything to worry about but I do think he is rather at sixes and sevens and I think Anne just doesn't know which way to turn next. Just at the moment Theodore has put himself on a starvation diet and Anne though she doesn't believe in it is cooperating in every way possible for two weeks. If by that time it doesn't make him feel any better he is supposed to stop – no telling if he will of course. He seems to be a bit like Talbert in that line. He goes to see Dr. Humphrey at the orthopaedic & that seems to be helping his back. But

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whether cause or effect I think Theodore's mental outlook has a good deal to do with the way he feels. He was looking a good deal better about five weeks ago than he does now but had grippe & that pulled him down. He is pounding upset about Charles' desire to have the scholarship contest again - I do think it's a silly thing to do from every point of view although naturally it is none of my business. He looks at it as cheap publicity - which it has always seemed to me too. Of course last year they got away with it but I think to repeat it is press your luck and besides I think it's too hard on everybody concerned. Well, as I say it's none of my business but all that does bother Theodore and he is constantly rebelling inwardly which is certainly not good for ~~anything~~ anyone. You probably know all this anyway - but don't tell Theodore I have been analyzing him to you. I honestly think too that Anne does the best she can. I don't think she's very happy either but I don't think she knows what to do next. If Theodore were a little more easy going it wouldn't be half so hard.

Well Mother dear I have had a somewhat strenuous day this peaceful Sabbath and I think I'll say good night. Haven't had any word from Charles or Carolyn except that we know they got there.

Ever so much love to you all -

Madeleine

The most thrilling event in the family is that Tatin has lost his first tooth !!! Nothing would do but that he must go down to Dr. Barry and have it yanked with all ceremony and it has now taken its place under his pillow for the customary fairy to replace with a dime. Excitement has been intense.

Your illuminated feet sounds wonderful and takes me back to my childhood days at Chautauqua. I always thought it was one of the prettiest things they had and out there on the river it must have looked lovely. Hope the rain didn't altogether spoil it. Wasn't it too bad it had to rain.

Charles and Carolyn came over to dinner a few days ago. Charles looks fine and apparently is in good spirits.

I was simply dumbfounded over Margaret's news. It seems to me after twelve years of thinking over the question of getting married — three years in a row — spare allowance for the experiment I must get through I don't know that I shall specially look forward to urging the subject. Its a strange world —

(Mrs Thorne) Darling Mother —

I keep starting letters to you and not finishing them — until I have decided just to write short notes so that they will at least get off.

There really isn't so very much news. I have been very busy moving forsythia bushes and putting the attic to rights and the children have been passing gay with parties. Their vacation begins Wednesday so I suppose that means even more festivities —

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Carolyn hurt her back going down into the grand Canyon - and I'm afraid she suffers a good deal with it. She is over her ears again in the house. George Ashley is going to do their powder room I guess - I don't know if the job will finally pan out or not. His sketches I think are quite lovely but they will be quite a lot of work and Carolyn & Charles seem to think they can't spend much more money. George wants to do the job very much but of course you can't do that sort of work for next to nothing so I don't know what they will finally decide - Perhaps to do one room now and the other later - George has two or three jobs now thanks mostly to our valiant efforts to have him meet people. He has one doing a yacht which ought to be a very good advertisement for him and another job in a Public Library in Youngstown Ohio - besides a small job up in Far Hills. I think if he can only hang on he will get there for he certainly has the stuff. Carolyn wanted Louis XVI in her powder room but Mr. Helaus didn't approve & wanted "Directoire" - then when George had made all the sketches for that he wanted another idea - enormous flowers on the panels - single flowers I mean. The "directoire" sketches are charming but though I like the single flower one I don't think it looks in the least like Carolyn or like the house - but it's the one Mr. Helaus likes best. She is going to wait & talk it over with him again next week.

Theodore I haven't seen for some time now as the starvation diet seems to be working nicely. John and I are planning to go up to Cape Cod on Friday to see another house in Quissett this time - Please do your best to get Bob for me unless you think it will smash up his career - It would certainly make a lot of difference to me -

Am going to close this without trying to write more so that it will have some chance of getting mailed. lots & lots of love -

Madeleine.

[March 1930]

Darling Mother -

You do really seem to be getting a fine rest !! Well never mind I suppose you can't help it and maybe its better than being bored. I have been very busy lately - I don't know just what about except that miserable Flower Arrangement lecture I had to give. It is a hard subject because its so nebulous and all the women consider themselves experts so it was quite difficult - I don't feel that I got through very well but Alice says it was all right - She is always boosting for the family so I'm not sure whether to believe her or not - Anyway it is over and I'm glad. Florence wants me to repeat the talk for the guild in April I couldn't give the same talk exactly because it would be too technical but I think talking to the guild would be a far easier proposition and I suppose I could revamp the paper.

Did you get the copy of "Charm" I sent you with my article about the house in it? The reason I asked you about your favorite book is that I got fifty dollars for that article and as its the first money I've ever earned I thought I'd like to get you and John each a book out of the proceeds - You have always wanted me to write and now that I've actually come out in print - I wanted to put some of the earnings into a remembrance for you - Have you got the book you mention already - It sounds so - Perhaps then there is something else I could get.

Charles and Carolyn got home to-day - I've talked to Charles over the phone and they were over here this p.m. but I was out -

We'll have to go over there this evening I guess. According to Anne several people down at the plant are just storing up their troubles to dump on Charles as soon as he lands in the palace. Nice prospect. Theodore is working very hard but now that Charles is home things might to lighten up for him a little I should think. Charles says he feels fine. Asked him how Carolyn was and he said she was fine except that she rode a mule down the Grand Canyon and was at the moment not so light on her feet. That, however, will pass -

Speaking of feet - Jess Brett fell down stairs Monday and broke one or two of the small bones in her foot. She was unconscious for some time - lying at the foot of the stairs as of course she is all alone in the house until Nancy comes home from school. She is just up and hobbling around now.

Saturday is our next children's Concert and we dash from that to N.Y. to see "Peter Pan" - I inadvertently got tickets for the same day and we had promised Peter we would go. It's an afterwards birthday party for him - You are really too good to send all that money to the infants and I hereby acknowledge Peter's with many many thanks - I noticed Ted wrote you himself though I wasn't invited to see the letter.

Friday we expect to go to Uncle John's for dinner & go to the Community Theatre in Orange to see what they have to offer - Yesterday Alice had her mother, Adelaide & me in Rhumberon and to see the Chinese actor everybody is talking about. It was interesting but I'm glad I don't have to see Chinese plays every day. The music - so called - is continuous and gets terribly on my nerves.

George Ashley telephoned me this morning that he has a job painting a mural for a Public Library in Youngstown Ohio - Also the prospect of a pretty big job doing a yacht - and Charles & Carolyn I think are going

to let him do their powder rooms if they ever decide what they want,
Mr. Melano told him one thing and he did the sketches for some
35 or 40 panels and now Mr. Melano wants something else! well
anyway if George gets a good start I shall feel that I have not
lived my entire life in vain. Bob Macbeth got him the library job
and the other he got through Louise Vanderbilt and I think - the pictures in
town and country - more or less. He has become more or less of a
matter of pride with me and I am so thankful that something is
beginning to come out of our strenuous efforts in his behalf. I really think
he has genius or I wouldn't do it needless to say.

I am devastated about Bob. I think I need him much more than
the golden rod does. It isn't that I think he's so intelligent but he
has a way with the boys and he fits in in the household. Also he is
perfectly satisfied to play around with them and can do things - like sailing,
+ fixing a motor and he isn't always chasing girls and boys of his own age.
I don't know that it would pay to get a stranger from Florida as
there are plenty nearer home. I only thought it would make my
mind so much easier this summer if I could have Bob but
I can try to get somebody else - I don't think however in a case
like that - intelligence is everything. Personality counts a good
deal more and whether the boy is good at various things boys
admire.

The summer is still an open question - John and I drove up to
Cooperstown N.Y. to see a house there but the servants quarters were
beyond words - It was a very old house + a good deal to take care
of and no facilities for doing it. Otherwise the place was lovely.
Went over to Glenmont the other day to look up something in the
encyclopedia and found the front stairs all wound up with rope
like a spider web party. Upon inquiry found that Malloy had

decided that too many people traversed the front stairs and wore out the carpet so he decided to rope them off and save wear and tear. He is a great old boy - He says he is getting very tired of having you all away. I guess he gets quite lonely.

Peter will be home shortly so I'd better sign seal and deliver this to be mailed - It takes me so long to finish.

Lots of love -
Madeline

Madeline
(Mrs Sloane)

April 7, 1930.

Darling Mother -

While waiting for our very late messrs. Sloane to finish their breakfast so Phoebe can come in to me to see about the meals - I may be able to scribble you a line. These vacations are somewhat upsetting to our general routine but I certainly think the infants deserved a period of relaxation. All their reports are very satisfactory - but they have seemed rather tired lately and the vacation has come just in time.

We had a call day before yesterday from Marie Bodell and two of her children who dropped in for luncheon on their way home from Washington where the said children had been partaking of an educational tour. I had some secret thought for our children but it didn't meet with any enthusiasm & perhaps it's just as well. after all

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why be educated? Probably the capital of the United States will be removed to Oshkosh by the time they grow up and will be governed by an assorted group of aviators.

There has been great excitement in the Park recently about Route 10. John found out that there was a strong indication that the highway commission would put it right through the Park on a diagonal line from the top of Mt. Pleasant Avenue through the Page houses, the Tilney, Walkers, Landons, Tompkins, Barry's et al. Then some surveyors started driving stakes in the Barry's lawn and the excitement grew violent. John has done quite a little work on the subject and yesterday Llewellyn Park representatives were given a private hearing in Trenton. Albert Wall, Hudson Chubb, K. Gordon, John, Edith Walton & Flora Barstow all journeyed down & told their story and were assured by all that is holy that Route 10 would not come through the Park. My faith in political gentlemen is such that I feel this still remains to be seen. The present plan is to bring it down Mt. Pleasant Avenue. The stakes driven in the Barry's place were explained by the fact that Eagle Rock Avenue or whatever they call that road is to be widened 16 ft. That will probably do away with the Park Lodge up there but I don't know why they had to make a survey of the Barry place. However we have done our shouting and they at least know that the Park is on the map. John has done some good work on it which I hope will be appreciated.

Thank you for your telegram about Bob. I am so glad. Of course I don't want to wreck the boy's career however and

if his going makes Father feel irritated against him - please disregard my pleas as, naturally, I can give him only temporary employment. If Father feels it's all right however, it certainly takes a load off my mind. I hope Bob is as unspoiled as he used to be.

I don't really need him till July 1st but of course he could come earlier if necessary. Please let me know how much they pay him - and thank you ever so much for your intercession -

John and I expect to go up to Fishers Island Friday to see what that is like. It's nearer home than the Cape. About like Watch Hill. We made a flying trip to Cape Cod last week end but the house was not entirely satisfactory - Too near the road and I've had enough of that. 2-5 [illegible]

Mrs. Tips, the ~~President~~ Chairman of the Flower Show for the last three years, is coming out to luncheon to-morrow and I'm having some other Flower Show people - and Marion Garrison. I don't know what Marion will be able to talk about but I'd trust her to find a subject. I think I'll introduce her to the ~~tracts~~ horticulturists as a nut fancier.

It is as cold as Greenland to-day - blowing like January. We have had a very cold spring so far. The forsythia isn't even out though it is struggling. It's a good thing you are not thinking of coming up yet awhile, anyway.

We are taking the Frasers to the Philadelphia Concert Tuesday. They say it's the only time they ever hear it. It has become a sort of annual custom to

invite them. Mr. Fraser said Mr. Ford had just been in to see him and reported Father as being in splendid health and looking fine.

Ever so much love to you both. I hope you are looking as fine as Father but these remarks about your back hurting etc. do not seem to indicate it. Don't try to write so much but do send a telegram occasionally because it's awful not hearing anything at all —

Lots + lots of love. Madeline.

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April 11, 1930.

Mrs Sloane

Darling Mother -

This is not such lovely paper but it seems to be at hand and my time may be short. I am waiting to start Peter off for an afternoons play with a little friend in Montclair - before going down to Jess' to collect some daffodils which in turn get transported to the Church (First M.E.) where I am lecturing this afternoon on "Flower Arrangements" — It was announced in the paper as a lecture on the "Color Schemes of Gardens" which rather dumbfounded me as that is a somewhat comprehensive subject to say the least. I thought I could use some of my other papers but on looking it over find it is so technical I don't think it

Teg was invited to Thanksgiving dinner at the Mortons' home!

would do at all down there so I'm relying mostly on demonstration and my powers of extemporaneous speech if any.

To-night we go with the boys to hear three one act plays which Montclair School is doing in conjunction with two other Schools. Each one giving a play.

John has been made President of the Citizens League here in West Orange to work for the commissioners to be elected in May. He got into it largely because of his activities in connection with Route 10. and it promises to be quite a little work but I think he will enjoy it. The Citizens League supports Robinson for mayor and Morrin, Brundage, O'Connor + somebody else for commissioners. They dropped

Bob Howard who has apparently made himself very unpopular - Laidlaw père) the grocer, is running on another ticket and about a dozen other people are up. It promises to be quite an exciting affair. These five commissioners of the Citizens league are all committed to protect Llewellyn Park - The delegation that went down to Trenton got an absolute promise from the Highway commission that Route 10 would not go through here but of course it will have to be watched. You know what political promises may be at times & the personnel might change.

I haven't seen any of the family for quite some time except that we dropped in to Charles & Carolyn a minute last Sunday. The elms are

weeping beeches are up in the front of the new house & things are really getting furnished up I guess. They ought to be all to more pretty soon.

We have taken a cottage at Fishon's Island did I tell you? It has a main house, guest house, & servants house, but all this is not so glorified as it sounds. However it looks pretty comfortable and has a lovely view over the water. Also it isn't so far - more like Watch Hill.

Children are fine and to-day it looks as if Spring might be thinking of making an appearance. Up to now it's been very cold.

I went to see Mrs. Merck last Sunday & took her an orchid Atkinson had. She looked pretty well but doesn't feel so I gather. My weather is in

the hospital with an operation which they thought would be trivial and turned out to be much more serious. She'll be out next week.

I have been contemplating having Margaret miller down for Sunday but I know it would mean hashing all her affairs and I feel it almost too much for me — I do think when it's taken you twelve years to make up your mind to get married a three year trial is pretty short — but nobody can judge.

We had a nice party at the Philadelphia Concert last Tuesday. It was a lovely concert. Had the Frazers on our annual party and also Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Poole. He's the novelist you know, and she is very attractive. Just the six had dinner together and then I asked George Ashley — a friend of Lucius' who sings — to come in afterwards at the concert. It was quite a harmonious

assemblage & ~~into~~ the Frasers & The Poole
asked George to come and see them which
is fine for him.

Well mother dear I think I'd probably
better stop & consider what I am to say
to the dear sisters this afternoon.

Good & Bless so much love.

Madeline.

Mrs. Sloane's letters

April 14

Darling mother –

I didn't realize that such a long time had elapsed between my epistles – probably you got one from me soon after sending yours – There is quite a lot to tell you this time about various things. First let me thank you for the Philadelphia orchestra tickets – They are going to have the concert in the metropolitan opera house I believe this time and I don't know what these tickets entitle you to – maybe a box in the Grand Tier. It is going to be something very extra special with a ballet – and nobody can get tickets for love or money. I am sure Uncle + Florence – Theodore + Anne will want to go and I will call them up.

Your telegram about the opera last Saturday was received rather late in the morning and nobody knew where the tickets were – the telegram did not say so nothing could be done – I'm sorry.

Beatrice Edison called me up Saturday night about Lena – said Lena had sent for her one night recently and she went up to find things in a terrible condition. I don't know

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why she (Lena) didn't let any of us know but she says she did tell somebody to telephone me but the woman misunderstood. Anyway Lena has had grippe and has now a bad case of bronchitis — is so feeble she can't get food for herself and has not even the pep to take the medicine the doctor gave her. She had sent for Dr. Bradshaw and he came once & then didn't come again & she felt she couldn't get him. Beatrice got a Dr. Austin Thompson — a young man — to come in and he has been looking after her since. I think he is alright and probably will take more interest being young & not so busy. Lena was going to call in Blakeley & I sat on that hard. Beatrice thought she ought to go to the hospital for a week at least & get some proper care & regular food. Uncle John saw the doctor & they decided that a practical nurse was all that would be required but I went down there yesterday morning to Lena's house — and I certainly agree with Beatrice. So I called up the doctor — cancelled the practical nurse & got her a small private room in the hospital. It is cheerful & peaceful & I think Lena needed a change of atmosphere

as much as anything. There are three or four women (roomers) cooking in her kitchen now and a practical nurse would have been just one more. Add to that friends ~~they~~ dropping in to moan with her and everybody cackling at everybody else you can imagine that it wouldn't take much to drive anyone entirely batty under the circumstances. I hope we have done right. Beatrice and I both decided it was what you would want done if you had been here. The room is 7 dollars a day + of course she is on floor care. She is awfully feeble + I don't think she will last so very much longer. She looks like a very old child - lost in the dark. She said she felt that everybody had deserted her this winter. We hadn't any of us been down - and with you away she just felt as if she hadn't anywhere to turn I guess. Of course I didn't know anything about her being sick - and I rather had the impression she didn't want to come up here on account of my colored maid. I suppose I should have looked in on her anyway. I don't think she is going to get along much longer in that house of hers without someone to look

after her. She has failed quite a little. I think it would be most injudicious to have her come to Florida even if she could make the trip which I doubt. She isn't actually sick according to the doctor but there are quite a lot of things doctors don't take into account. I think she needs peace + quiet and care – I wish there were a good old ladies home or something or some arrangement where she could have her rooms + someone to take care of her away from the "roomers". At any rate we will see what a week in the memorial will do for her – She was so happy for your telegram – Poor old soul she is pathetic.

2 days later – I went down to see her yesterday and she seemed better – I think the poor thing was half starved. Sent Peter down with Byer today with some things for her but have not had their report as yet.

Am going to mail this so you will know about what has been done. Though I wish I had any cheerful news to end up with. Did I tell you that the family has violently entered politics? John is President of the Citizens League of W.O. – and made a very good speech the other night.

April 21, 1930.

Darling mother —

Well, Easter is over and here we are at Jock's birthday. We had a nice day yesterday — sunny for a change, and moderately warm — Enjoyed your box of apple confections, and Easter greetings. The Easter Bunny was present as usual and left some peacants & eggs & we had a hunt — but it evidently did not come up to the one last year at Fort Moyers in Peter's estimation — They should have been hidden out of doors and altogether it was not up to Scratch. Lena is getting along quite nicely — She developed pleurisy after a couple of days at the hospital and I got special nurses for her. I don't know whether I told you about that. Peter and Dyer were down this one afternoon

when I couldn't go — to take her something and she developed this frightful pain and rang five times for the floor nurse before anybody came. I thought I wouldn't have a comfortable moment unless I knew somebody was there and those floor nurses are about as good as nothing. The day nurse she has is very nice — Her name is Mrs. Jamison and she has a place in the Catoctins where she takes people as boarders. I was wondering if it wouldn't be good for Lena to go to a place like that for awhile to get looked after a bit. I don't think any of us has the time to look after her as she should be looked after and even having a person go into her home would make perhaps more confusion. What do

I was very relieved to get your telegram about Lena as I feared it was taking a good deal of your time. It does seem as if they might do it but I do think it is the right thing for her.

you think of that idea. I will find out what the rates are.

Charles and Carolyn are planting millions of laurels on their new place - in two long rows stretching all the way from the road to the terrace. Their big elms are in and the weeping beeches. I think they got the elms too far apart as you would hardly know they are there. The kitchen stove seems to be bothering so that thing sort of drag along and they don't know when they'll be in — or if they do they're not telling.

Theodore & Anne are going to the Philadelphia Wednesday night with us - Uncle John is going but Florence has to go to Atlantic City - so Edith Walton is going in her place - likewise Florence & Pom. We are dining at the

Cosmopolitan Club first. It will probably be a wild programme - but interesting.

Couldn't you possibly come up June 1st and let Henry & Bob bring Father. It will be just like last year and I'll hardly see you. The children are champing at the bit to get off the minute school closes and I am sticking out for the first of July - even that is only about ten days after you get here. Could you come up the first of August and visit me for a week at least? Or when in August could you come. I want to ask the Buds for some of the time and Adelaide & should have mother & Father Sloane (in July) so I'd like to get dates fixed if possible. Do you know now what dates Chautauqua is apt to be calling you? Of course you can't

based on Father so we'll just take a chance on him. I'd rather have you come alone not that I wouldn't like Father too but I don't think he would like it at all. It's an island and no motoring to speak of and nothing in the world for him to do - but if you could fix things up at home - you could come and he ought to be able to get along at least for a week. It isn't so far - This place - our outside of New London -

Except for the fact that we miss you I don't think you need be too sad about missing Spring up here. So far we've had none at all, - just cold damp gray days one after another. Yesterday the Sun shone for the first time in weeks it seemed to me

Mrs. Clarence Kelsey is quite ill I believe

I don't know what is the trouble.

Great excitement over Jack Bradshaw's wedding. He and Dr. Bradshaw + fourteen guests are going on in a private car. Mr. A.T. Smith among the throng. Isn't it too bad Mrs. Bradshaw didn't live to see it. She would have been so thrilled and happy. Anyway it will be nice for the Doctor. I suppose they will live with him.

I went to our church Easter Sunday and represented the family with Florence + Nancy + Stuart. Uncle was up in the choir and they had a most elaborate service — a children's chorus — quite a big one — all marching in two by two attired in black choir vestments & crisp white neckties bows. A big orchestra and a big choir. Somebody did a lot of work.

I saw Mrs. Perine during the service but she did not sit in our pew and

I don't know where she went afterwards.

Alice Anderson has moved up to Bedford and taken everything out of the Llewellyn Park House. I suppose it's all right but I wish they could have waited a while. It was done for the benefit of Alice Mary + Joan principally I think — but Arthur was so blue last time he was here that he could hardly speak to anybody, and it leaves Mother Sloane pretty well stranded.

The Charlie Sloane's are having a hard time too. Adelaide is having a really bad nervous breakdown. It has been just one disappointment after another with them + she has stood it like a martyr and a saint until now — everything seems to have broken up once. She has just lost her nerve completely — and Charlie is not much help in a case like that.

This doesn't strike me as being a very cheerful letter so I'll end up on a more optimistic

note. It seems that the exterior views of our house have been selected (among others) by the American Institute of Architects to go to the Exposition in Barcelona. Isn't that pleasant?

Bob Halpin wrote me to-day and I'll write him shortly giving all information. Politics are going very violently: John has to go to a meeting to-night again but I think I'll stay at home to conduct the last of the birthday celebration.

Lots of love to you and Jackie.

Madeleine

The Garden Club up here is planning on your speaking to them at one of the fall meetings on your work with the gardens down there. Couldn't you get some pictures. You can have them colored easily & have a regular lecture.

Mabel

Sunday
April 27, 1930.

Darling Mother -

John and the boys are at church so I have a few peaceful minutes to write. No knowing when I'll have any more as our week seems very full ahead. You would laugh to see me joining the local political world! and I wish you were at home to give me some information about various people and institutions. Of course its about the past thing I would have chosen to be mixed up in but its better to be in than sitting alone doing nothing night after night while John is at these meetings etc. It has its interesting side too and promises to be really quite exciting in spots I find. This is quite a tough town - not at all like S.O. where everybody is perfectly well 2-572

behaved. I keep my ears flapping wherever I go and have been able to pick up quite a little information here and there - There seems to be quite a situation with regard to various "speak-easies" who are running a certain candidate and who may give the other ticket a hard fight. There - There is a man named Andrew Owen running and there is some scandal about him. I seem to remember dimly that when you were supporting Chauncey Owen for some job he had a hard time because of some scandal in his family. Can this be his brother? Well, I'm giving a "tea" at the Community House on Thursday for the women who are working. They wanted the hours from 2:30 to 5. Can you imagine having tea and

cake at two-thirty? Well I suppose it's all right and one can eat anytime!

We are rejoicing in really the first day of spring we've had. It and daylight saving came in together and it's actually quite sunny and warm out doors.

We all went ~~into~~ to the Philadelphia Concert Wednesday, and it was some concert!! Schoenberg first and Stravinsky last. The Schoenberg thing was really a short opera and beautifully staged by Mamoulian of the Theatre Guild. I can't say much for the music but probably I'm no judge. The second thing was a ballet in two parts. The first part was simply unspeakable from my point of view. Ugly, and I thought extremely disagreeable. I hope next time I hear that music it will be

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unaccompanied by the strange sights that went with it on Wednesday. The second part was a little better - It was all interesting however - and we had the extreme pleasure of sitting next to Mr. Stockowski - who discoursed about her affairs in a loud tone and made it quite entertaining for us.

The Orange Flower Show is approaching but I ~~too~~ trust I won't have to do much about that, though I have promised Jess to help her out by doing a tea table if she gets stuck and can't get anyone else. I think I am thoroughly fed up with Flower Shows. I can't seem to get up any enthusiasm for doing anything in that line. I suppose the taste may come back.

John and I are going to the Pomeroy's

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to supper to-night and I wish I had one of those perfectly lovely dresses you sent me made up and ready to wear. They are lovely and just what I wanted and need. Thank you lots and lots.

~~Bob~~ Halgrim wrote me and I wrote him a couple of days ago telling him our plans etc. and asking if he's going to stay up here for College or going back to Fort Myers. The R.R. fare is quite an item and would make some difference in the wages we could pay. I am waiting to hear from him.

Lena seems a good deal better and the doctor thinks she can go home the first of the week. I am arranging for someone to go in two hours every morning and straighten out the house & get her hot lunch. It will cost $5

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a week. The woman is out of a job
at the moment so it will help two
people. I hope this is what you wanted.
Dinner will be ready in a minute so I'd
better stop. Ever and ever so much
love.

Madeline

I haven't seen any of the family
recently except Uncle Phil. Carolyn
came in for a minute some days ago.
Says she is pretty tired.

Mother's Day.
May 11. 1930

Wm. Shaw

Darling Mother:

I was on my way to see Dena but discovered I had no time between this and church which would allow enough of a visit so I'm writing now and visiting later. We brought Dena home from the hospital where she has been under the Dr. Thompson's care. When she had been back a couple of days she had another bad attack at night and someone in the house called Dr. Bradshaw who came on in the middle of the night. She is now under his care, much to my relief, as I think she'll do better under him and I think she has more confidence in him. He, Dr. Bradshaw, says she is a very sick woman - and he thinks she is "breaking up". He says she has enlargement of the heart or some heart affection. This brought

pleurisy and he thinks she may have a touch of T.B. We had to get a practical nurse to stay with her and she is there now. Lena wanted to get out of the hospital and the thought of the expense was worrying her. There is a good chance that she will have to go back however. Dr. Bradshaw does not seem to think she will live so very much longer but of course she may go on in that condition for quite awhile. She doesn't seem so very sick — just failing.

The July weather we have been having has abated thank goodness and we are having a little real Spring. Everything leaped into bloom at once though — so, as Hanna Pomeroy says, we practically missed May.

Politics have been absorbing our entire

Time and energy. John has been out almost every night and is tired to death. Thank goodness election is on Tuesday and it will all be over.

We are all wondering what you are going to do if the new crime comes out against Prohibition? I suppose that will be the next experiment.

We have Charles Sloane here for Sunday so the boys are happy. Adelaide is very ill. They are waiting for a bed to be available in the Neurological unit of the Medical Centre so as to take her in for observation under Dr. Tilney. A nurse stays with her all the time as in this sort of case the danger is that a person may commit suicide. Dear father it is very changed. Mother Sloane has the two little girls with her.

There was a party at the Lawn Tennis Club last night to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Club and everybody was to go in the costume of the Gayest Eighties. Jess Brodt and Arthur came in to show us their costume as we did not go. She won one of the real genuine bathing suits of the period — the skirt were below the knees and the bloomers below that — black stockings + white shoes & straw hat were anchored by a scarf completed the outfit which was all in bright red. She got the prize for the most amusing costume. We learned to dance [illegible] Show Lola this afternoon and she seems better. Quite a little better in fact. [illegible] The Flower Show comes this week and unfortunately I promised to do a tea table which I will have to assemble somehow — It is a silly thing it seems to me to do

have a vase of flowers on a tea table that you are putting in a garden - but I may be just queer. I think I'm thoroughly sick on Flower Shows and haven't an idea left.

Aunt May wanted us to motor up last Saturday to see her garden but we were so involved and tired we couldn't make it. It is really an awful trip to contemplate from here I think.

There is really not so very much to write about as life lately consists of about the same thing. If there is anything about the cost of sewers in West Orange or the state law about not exceeding the debt limit I could probably tell you as its about all I hear.

You'd probably be interested in knowing that we have now three times as many street lights as of yore too. Any little thing like that I can tell you but perhaps

The meeting had better be adjourned

Ever so much love and I do

certainly hope you'll come June 10th

That's bad enough!

Madeline.

Mrs. Sloane

May 18, 1930.

Darling Mother -

Sunday rolls around again and the family are occupied in various characteristic ways so that I have a little quiet in which to get off a letter to you. Since we made such a clean sweep for our candidates in the municipal election last Tuesday. John has become the boss of West Orange and is now off on a political discussion about various aspects of the police department. He swears it will not take the entire afternoon but I have my doubts. Election was very thrilling. I had to go to New York in the morning for a Rehearsal Club meeting and got home about one thirty - changed my dress and went down to the polling place in our district where I acted as "challenger" for about an hour and a half. The

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report came in then that Hutton Park was not voting as it should so Arthur Brust & I called up all kinds of people on the telephone & tried to get them out. John stayed out all day working and didn't come home for lunch or dinner - Polls closed at eight and I knew the returns wouldn't be in much before 9:30 so I took a nap and then went down for a few minutes about ten. It looked like a pretty sure thing for our candidates and as the boys didn't want to go to bed till they heard who was elected I thought I'd best go home — which was just as well because John didn't get in till 3 A.M. — Laidlaw was the only one who came anywhere near our man — Mr. Harlan made quite a poor showing and the rest were practically nowhere - so it was very satisfactory.

The next excitement is Morrow. I hope you heard his speech over the Radio. Franklin Fort's candidacy is going to make it very difficult to elect him and I think it was a poor thing for Fort to do - He will get all the Bone Dry votes and of course all the speak easies and bootleggers will vote for him because they like Prohibition - The Club gave a tea yesterday for Mrs. Morrow at which Hendon gave a very good speech and Mrs. Morrow herself spoke. She is

charming - I should imagine very like her daughter Anne, and she described life in Mexico and at the Naval Conference in London most amusingly. Just at the end of her speech however she made one "bull" which I think a lady politician of her experience should not have made. She said that when she and Mr. Morrow were looking for a house at the beginning of his career - Katharine Harrison Morton said to her - "Why go to Englewood when there is such a place as Llewellyn Park? It is the only place near New York which is not suburban, where the people are intellectual, charming etc. etc." Considering that there were people present who came from almost anywhere around the Oranges and look at Llewellyn Park ~~who~~ with anything but a favorable eye anyway - I thought that was bad.

Peter is visiting to-day at Framingham - having spent last night there - and has been calling up at intervals to know if we can't call for him an hour later than we planned. I think it has stretched to five o'clock now. Uncle wants us to stop in and observe his back yard with a critical eye - so we'll go there first if John ever gets the police straightened out in time to do anything -

John and I stopped in at Charles' after the tomorrow tea yesterday. The Vans had just left after dumping the furniture and owners and furniture were in a state of exhaustion. I certainly think Caroline will collapse entirely if she doesn't let up - She looks frightfully and Charles not much better. They have a perfectly stupendous thing to take care of in that house and I don't see how they are going to get away with it. Jack is there thank goodness. So they can eat, and he seems to wear a cheerful grin. Their maid Beatrice is sick and Caroline has some maid there who has done general house-work but doesn't know very much about any one branch. However she also looks cheerful & good natured so perhaps she will be a comfort. They planted an entire forest of laurel and now a lot of it is dying because it didn't get the proper watering. Mr. Schmidt is ill and going to the hospital and apparently nobody else could turn the hose on. George Ashley's work is going on very well thank goodness and I think the rooms will be very attractive when finished. Caroline seems pleased with them. If only he doesn't get temperamental or something and wipe the walls off so he can start over again it should be finished in there before long. Here is John so I'd better stop as we must get all our various pilgrimages in. Lena is much better. The practical nurse is still there and Dr. B. thinks there ought to be someone there with her to keep her cheerful and help her. Where to find anybody like that I don't know. Have you any suggestions?

Lots and lots of love mother dear - and also to father. Come home soon

Madeleine.

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July 3 -

Darling Mother -

Just a line to tell you we are arrived and partially settled and everything seems to be working out well. I forgot to bring the life preservers so telephoned Jess to tell Katharine to send them up. We can telephone them & reverse charges as they are in the telephone business and it costs nothing. Dhadia she would telephone you that night so I know you had word

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of our safe arrival.

The boys seem to have got along very well and are quite brown even in this short time. They have the out board going and get great joy out of it apparently. The sailboat is rigged and we went for a short sail yesterday but to-day is a rather moist example in the way of weather. The first race is to-morrow so it is cause for lamentation that the sails cannot be stretched again to-day.

The house (or houses) are quite comfortable and we have a lovely porch looking out over the water. The little club seems to be very nice. Altogether it is about the most satisfactory place we have struck in our perambulations - or at least it promises to be so.

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We are about to depart for the village - which consists of about three stores - for some needed accessories - and will post this.

Expecting you without fail on the eleventh - will send suggestions as to train time later.

Lots of love to all -

Madeleine.

Madeleine wants me to come up to them on the 11th - She would love to have you but she thinks you might not like it. Would you motor up and bring me home - It is Fisher Island!

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Mrs Sloan
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August 2, 1930.

Darling Mother:

Your scholarship excitement is now happily over and I do hope you are not all thoroughly exhausted! Jess and the girls arrived last night pretty much all in – They say it has been fearfully hot – even this last week – whereas we have been having quite cool weather. They also report that you had a more or less bearable day for the big buffet lunch &c. for which I am thankful.

We have been revelling in the delicious fruit

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especially yours truly who has consumed unnumbered nectarines and peaches. We managed to preserve the mammoth watermelon and are having it to-night for supper.

The boys and John are racing this afternoon, Peter and Bob watching from the Committee Boat — The girls playing tennis and Jess and I resting — Her recent experience with poison ivy and the heat seems to have used her up. I have seldom seen her look so badly.

How is Stuart? I am terribly sorry he had to end up his "vacation" like that. Probably all the rest Florence got will be neutralized — not to mention Uncle's long sojourn in this peaceful clime.

John expects to go home Monday for the rest

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of the week, coming back for the week end.

I have two luncheon invitations for next week so I'm leaving less stranded - I am not so keen about going myself - but if we are going to continue coming up here I suppose I might as well know some of the people.

We went with Mr. Ruth to look over your "sites" the other day. We liked the one way out - the Horne property I think it was - on the ocean side - but then we found a place we liked better than any you saw

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when you can get a view of both sides
and yet are near the quiet water where
you can anchor boats. The lot we liked really
best is sold but there is one very much like it.
Thank you for getting my dress to Perine. - It
came back safely in the nick of time -
Jess and I are going back for the children so I'll
close this + mail. If you don't hear from me it's
because there is nothing on earth to write about
and anyway I thought you would be too busy
to read anything I might send. Will do better now.
lots + lots of love - How did Father stand the
strain?

Madeline.

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PRIVATE.

August 7, 1930.

Darling mother —

John gets back to-night so I'll have the latest news of you all and whether you are carrying out your Chautauqua plans in spite of heat etc.

By this time he has told you our news and I hope it hasn't upset you. I was going to tell you when you were here but as you did not appear to suspect I thought I'd let it go until the scholarship thing was off your mind — less however, saw something in my face as near as I can make out — which convinced

then the first moment she arrived — though she
says my figure hasn't changed — ~~But~~ I thought
if anyone could notice what was happening I
wanted you to know immediately. Mother Sloane
didn't notice anything either and I wanted to keep
quiet about it as long as possible for I hate
people talking me over and as you know I hate
being fussed over because of my "condition" — the
minute people know there they begin — I do wish I
could have got away with Jessi's visit but I suppose
it is too much to expect as the baby is almost
five months on its journey. It seems a good deal
smaller than the others and perhaps it is a
girl — wouldn't it be grand?
Please don't tell anybody until necessary — probably
another two weeks — then I don't think it

matters as it will probably be too
apparent to make secrecy possible -
It was a considerable surprise to us to have
this happen as I had given up and expected
to be a lonely old lady at a very early date.
I must say this will complicate my loneliness.

I am worried about the effects of this
hear ~~on~~ you and Father. Could you get him
to come back up here when you come back from
Chautauqua? Our lease runs till Sept. 15.
but I don't expect to stay that long though of
course the children want to.

Am going to a large beach luncheon to-day

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and giving a very small one to-morrow myself 4

at the Fisher's Island Club.

The children are fine except that Ted had a terrible fight with Nancy because she wouldn't ride in the car with the beloved Ranger - and relations between them have been somewhat strained ever since. Ted lost his temper most thoroughly and has been quite unhappy about it since, though he refuses to apologize to Nancy. He has apologized to me and to Jess and I am not insisting on more as I think he may have had some right on his side. He is deeply pleaded for Ranger's sake however and very funny. He says he would prefer riding with "that dog" than with a great many people he knows!! This with a baleful glance. So long as Nancy feels that way about Ranger her will have nothing to do with her - ~~then~~ He is cut to the quick but I

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think things are smoothing out gradually.

I hope if you do go to Chautauqua your graduation will be a grand occasion - I feel that I should send you a graduation bouquet or a set of Browning or something but I don't know how to get it there. Don't get too tired however with all the parties etc. you always have out there -

Tell Aunt Louise I met the mother of her Marian Nichols the other day and she is charming. The daughter must come by it naturally. They are relatives of the Nichols in the Park but don't look it.

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We have been having it pretty hot even up here for the last day or two but its beautiful to-day so I hope Orange has cooled off too.

lots and lots of love to you and Father.

Madeline.

all evening and he didn't have a chance to talk to you alone — so I am adding a few preliminaries to my letter —

We are expecting another baby about the first of January! It was somewhat unexpected — and I think I'm pretty old but nevertheless things seem to be all right and I have felt very well — except as you noticed I get tired easily. It will be wonderful

instead of letters and nobody wants mine. Your letters are grand and don't try to change them —

lots and lots of love. Madeline.

Aug. 11, 1930

PRIVATE

Darling Mother —

I wrote — you

The enclosed long epistle thinking that John had told you our news as we had arranged before he left last week — now I find that some man was here

if it is a little girl and if it's a little boy — 3
well I love them all anyway — whatever they are.
~~the other~~ my other letter goes more in detail
so I will refer you to that.
It is simply glorious up here to-day — cool and
sparkling and there is such a decided change in
the weather that I think you must have it too.
I certainly hope so.
Read the interview with you and Mrs. Roosevelt
in the Times Supplement and don't think it as
good as your own article or her lecture.
I hope you are enjoying Chautauqua and they
aren't running you to death.
Everybody is fine here and I hope it's doing them
all good. Our children are certainly growing — even
Peter whose stature we have been worried about.
In one of your letters you said something about
correcting the "English" in your letters. In the first
place it isn't necessary + in the second I wouldn't
do it for anything if it were. If letters aren't spontaneous
and written as you would talk they are no good —
Alice says she gets Essays from Allamaidy in

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August 19, 1930.

Darling Mother;

I am so glad you and Father are pleased – somehow I was afraid you wouldn't be. There's a very great deal for your letter and Father's note. Tell him I don't think that helps much but I'm willing to try!

It is exceedingly quiet here after the departure of the Brent family, and the cool weather has given a sort of end-of-the-season feeling to everything.

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It can't end too soon for me — although I have enjoyed this place more than any we've tried and the children cannot understand my "impossible" attitude. They would like to stay till Christmas at least. Veronica is here and everything is smoothed out in that line thank goodness. Her little girl is with her and makes a nice playmate for Peter. They seem to get along beautifully and as she is a quiet well behaved little thing it is all right.

When I get home of course I shall be short a waitress and I want to give Phoebe a vacation as she really hasn't had any time off and it has been rather strenuous. I think I shall get a temporary cook for a week. I plan to have the boys drive down about three days after us and I wonder if perhaps

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Peter and John and I could stay over at Glenmont for a few days - if it is perfectly convenient. It seems to me now that Thursday after Labor Day - that is Sept. 4 - would be about as early as we could leave to escape the Labor Day Rush - Then we would be at Glenmont over that Sunday if you could have us. These plans and dates are only tentative as I haven't talked it over with John yet.

We wrote Sir Thomas Lipton and asked him over to lunch as he is supposed to be in New London off and on ~~[illegible]~~ supervising

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the 'Shamrock' – Of course I don't suppose he will come but maybe it will remind him of his invitation to sail on one of the big out races – which John would give anything to do. I suppose I can listen to the story of his working in Glasgow for half a poun' a week once or twice more in a good cause!

The household is sunk more or less in gloom to-day because poor little Ranger was run over by a truck yesterday and killed. It was not the driver's fault as he tried to be as careful as possible but Ranger would run out and bark furiously every time that particular truck came around. My heart was in my mouth more than once when he did it – and yesterday it happened. I think he was killed instantly. We were all on the porch and it gave me a horrible shock. Poor Ted was all broken up and in

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fact the whole house was upset. Everybody was fond of the poor little thing. (Ted is alright this morning but his temper is very uncertain.) It is astonishing how you miss that little black presence around the place. He always came running to meet us wagging his little stumpy tail. I can't get over losing him.

We shall probably miss the movies of your graduation as they don't always have the news reel here - much to my disgust. The young gentlemen have announced that they are going to the theatre only three times this week so that narrows the chances even more. Did they take any still life photographs?

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I do hope Father is allright again.

I am going to make two more formal calls if its possible to arrange the schedule this afternoon and then I hope my social duties will be over for the season - Peter has invited Blanca over however and that generally means that no one has much of a chance to do anything but look after their majesties.

Lots of love to you and Father - am certainly glad I'll be seeing you soon -

Madeleine.

Mrs Sloane

Fisher's Island.
August 25. 1931.

Darling Mother -

This is a day of heavy fog - the worst we have had - nothing much to do and the young fry very noisy - having imported a few extra from the neighborhood. The sun, however, is doing its best, and I hope by noon to get them all packed off to the beach. We have had really a very poor assortment of weather lately - ever since Veronica arrived in fact. The wretched Dorothy seems to have got all the good out of the summer - nicely escaping the heat and

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also the storms up here lately. Nobody can tell me that virtue is rewarded in this world.

We are planning to come home Thursday after Labor day if we can get accommodations etc. Are planning to leave the boys up here over Sunday and let them drive down on Monday with Bob.

I have written Kathryn Hart to be at the house either Friday or Saturday or both so that we can get the beds unpacked before the boys arrive. Then if Peter and John and I can be sheltered and fed at Stanmont Town Sunday I feel that the house can be pretty well settled before the whole family assembles in it. Are you sure it will be perfectly convenient to have us? I shan't certainly be glad to get home though I like it up here better than

any summer place I've been to so far.

About the doctor I'm going to - I went at the very first to Dr. Bingham but though I am devoted to the gentleman I hate that memorial Hospital and also I think he is a little bit casual. I don't want Dr. Parker and Dr. Norman as you know is dead. So I have been going to another specialist in New York who is a little younger than Dr. Norman but trained under Dr. Crajin as he does - He is an old fuss budget I think but I would rather have that than the casualness. I think I will go to New York - possibly to the Doctors' Hospital. There is a hotel part in that where you can stay until wanted elsewhere and where your family can stay - I do not like the atmosphere at the memorial - nor the nurses - most of them - and I don't want to go there. I would like to have Dr. Bingham but I think this Dr. Ryder is safer - perhaps - at my time of life. He is one of the best obstetricians in New York and I think it pays to have the best you can find. I suppose too it is safer for me to go to a hospital - it is certainly easier. I haven't broken the news to Dr. Bing yet that I am going to a New York doctor but as I haven't been back since my first visit to him - perhaps he suspects it.

John will probably see you to-night to tell you the results of our investigations as to land up here - He plans to come back Wednesday night as they have scheduled a sailing race for almost every afternoon over the week-end holiday and it certainly makes a poor afternoon for me. So he was coming up early to be with me on Thursday. Now the sailing master has called a race for this afternoon to make up one that couldn't be sailed

their way to New port so we knew that was all off –

Next day however, got a very nice note from Sir Thomas regretting that he couldn't come and asking if we would "care" to see a race or two from the Erin during the Challenge Races – Of course its the one thing John would give his eye teeth to see so I have accepted for him with bells on – while sending my own sincerest regrets. I thought it would be too hard for me and anyway it will be another three weeks and I didn't think I'd be comfortable about my figure by that time. If it wasn't for that I certainly would try it as I imagine it will be a great sight. Anyway I'm delighted John can have the experience – I suppose he has asked you – Is there any chance of your going? I suppose Father wouldn't go but you could take John as escort. He wants to see the first race

because of bad weather and the boys are in the depths of gloom because their Father isn't here and they think they will lose all chances of winning the series. They are so downcast about it that I suggested they tell the sailing master that John will be here Thursday and see if they can't put it off till then – which of course dishes "mother's day" – Such is life!

I have just regretted an invitation to luncheon I had for that day which makes it even nicer.

We asked Sir Thomas Lipton over to luncheon here – thinking he might be knocking around New London seeing about the refitting of the Shamrock which has been going on over there. However we saw the Shamrock and the Erin go by on Thursday while we were at lunch – on

On September 13th if possible -

Your whistling butler sounds delightful - anyway it is a cheery sound around the house! I do hope little Sydney is out of danger. I didn't know people could die of asthma. Thought it was terribly unpleasant but not dangerous.

Your grandsons are steadily growing out of all sleeves and trousers legs. I think they have all gained in weight and should have a fine start for the arduous duties of school.

Mother Sloane writes that Adelaide is worse if anything - and that she will be at least 18 months at Bloomingdale. Charlie is sending the two little girls to a convent school and Charles to boarding school. It certainly is tragic.

A letter from Alice says that Alice Mary is coming home a month early from Europe as she isn't well - Apparently has been miserable all summer. Alice herself has had a summer full of trials and tribulations - not terribly serious but none the less ~~ab~~ irritating. It seems to be an ill year.

I wrote and asked Rachel if she could by any chance come up here over Labor day. She will not expect to be terribly active and we ought to be able to have a nice visit - Being alone all the time is rather bad for me I think as I get very depressed - though I get tired if I try to do too much or see too many people - also.

Will see you soon I hope. The children are moaning about it but I am full of hurrahs inside at leaving for home.

Lots of love to you and father -

Madeline.

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667 Madison Ave.
Miss Dilmont. Night nurse. Regent 4-4600
Miss Miller - Day nurse.

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Thursday. Jan - 8th 1931.
Madeline suffered 2 - 10.30.
Intensely from 8.30 - 10.30.
Dr. Ryder Obstetric physician.
Allowed me room 721. Most Comfortable.
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DATE Jan 8th 1931

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Madeline's letter

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MADELINE.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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Feb. 13, 1931.

Darling mother and father —

It is so long since I have written that I feel it will require parcels post to carry all the news but I really have not been able to concentrate on anything but problems immediately demanding solution — since leaving the hospital. It is quite a transition from being the "pampered patient" to my proper sphere as chief of the

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Kitchen police and I have had moments of considering whether it might not be possible to take some comfortable ailment for the rest of my life — but I've given it up as impracticable!

First let me say that Miss Given has been a God send, and I can't tell you how grateful I am to have her. It was pretty hard right after getting back — as things had accumulated and the Baby's routine had to be adjusted to the rest of the household and my mind wasn't tracking any too well. She is still doing the orders for me and attending to all sorts of little things.

The second piece of good luck is that Dr. Von Hoff found us an excellent nurse for the baby — one Elvina Dubroca Tillen has for some time. She came up and went over things carefully with Miss Given and so the change was accomplished without any ructions and Baby is fine. Miss Given had another case coming and wanted a few days off to recuperate from her ordeal (?) Julia out here — and so she asked Mrs Tillen if she would not take a diaper — for cleansing purposes — I was not loath to see her depart. This one is far less attentive and with occasionally Dr Smith's help I manage. And Miss Given is certainly a remarkable nurse but she certainly demanded an eye for an eye and a tooth and I got so mixed in the head from trying to make one of my attachments scientifically accurate that I still stutter occasionally. She was strong for the truth and

nothing else but! I wish you'd ask Father if he isn't the person who in early youth came in and told his mother he had seen some forty cats in the back yard and was kept in the closet two days for exaggerating. I'd like to think there was some precedent for my occasional lapses!

We did not go "pioneering" this year and I think Uncle John and Florence were the sole representatives except for Tom & Beatrice — for this side of the Hudson — and that brings me up to yesterday when Baby was christened amid much pomp & ceremony. I wish Bogie has been here to tell you about it. She saw only the rough sketch of the decorations so to speak — it was really quite lovely finally. We took our

We put the Bohemian lace peasant apron Mrs. Waitt gave me once, over the top of the pie-dieux and used my own old silver porringer for the water. Anne was godmother and Tommy Chalmers godfather on one side while Gladys Eyre was the other godmother and Teddy was proxy for Uncle Ned Eyre - the other godfather. Anne held the baby - with much inward trepidation but more or less outward calm - You should have seen her look of panic when she found out she was to do it. Tommy passed the candle which are the godparents ~~[illegible]~~ put their hands on at one point - and ~~which~~ said - candle was put in the candlestick ~~that~~ was Uncle Ned's wedding present to us.

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pie-dieux from Glenmont and put it where the sofa usually is and behind it hung the Italian brocade which I got Alexandrov to purchase for me last year in Italy. John spent the evening before the party lashing it to a stick so it would hang straight, and wouldn't listen to my pleas that he nail it on. You should have seen him laboriously sewing with a regular sail maker's thread about two yards long while I sat and jeered at him — However it looked very well when finished.

Grandmother's roses were in the room and I wore
my "three sisters" pendant, and you and Father attended
the ceremony from the piano in the frieze of that photograph
I had in the hospital. I tried to get everybody in you
see. Father Connor was very nice and let me have
my own way about all details which made it much
nicer than it has been at other times – also I was
feeling much stronger than has usually been the case –
I tried to give the other two boys some special jobs so
They wouldn't feel that Teddy was having it all to do.
Jack was to look after Father Connor and Peter had in
charge three ladies – Mother Sloane – Mrs. Jenkins and
Mrs. Merck – whose coats he carried upstairs and for
whom he found chairs – This worked beautifully until
Mother Sloane moved from the chair where Peter had
put her – and he came to me in anguish and tears so I
had to go and get her to move back again. Our
family was not represented by great numbers but
what was there was very excellent. Of course with
Charles on the Ocean – Carolyn in N.Y. and so many
all scattered to the ends of the earth a large attendance couldn't be
expected – Even Theodore didn't show up but he
has so much work and is tired and it really couldn't
be expected of him I suppose – though we missed him –
Anne – Uncle and Florence therefore were the sum
total. Then we asked the Yardleys – Brooks – May Vincent
Mrs. Merck – (she poured tea for me) Mrs. Jenkins. Anna
– Irene Brown – Edith Walton – the Barnetts – the

Pathé news reel and has to work four nights a week till midnight or after. He looks tired — everybody does; — that is all the men. Father Connor sat down at the pianos and played; and the cause of all this slept peacefully after the excitement ~~after~~ roaring lustily as soon as his name was mentioned during the ceremony.

We have had a hectic time with the newspapers — They seem to be perfectly frantic for news of this youth. Apparently they haven't anything else to write about — We had refused everybody photographs & no telephoned about it when three men

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Stewart Griffis of course — Mother and Father Sloane and Charlie — Lily Walker the Garrisons — + a few others. We had about 35 in all — a very nice tea afterwards and not a single sandwich left! Miss Grace was a tower of strength all morning — Then went back to Englewood and changed into party clothes and came back to the festivity — Tommy dashed out minus lunch and dashed back after dinner — He is now with

drove up without telephoning and then there seemed to be nothing else we could do. I posed with the baby twice and the nurse held him once and the pictures are probably terrible beyond words and will all be published as usual - terrible or not. Of course we probably won't see them until they use them and if providing they want to use them I suppose they will - I shall never recover from the portrait of me in the group at Mr. Eastman's — Of course it's a purely personal sorrow! I feel quite well to-day after all the tearing around yesterday but am keeping rather quiet. The boys have gone to a dog show in Newark - They are fine (boys not dog show) I think Uncle John looks like the dickens. I certainly hope he can get away for a rest before long - Talked to Carolyn this morning. She had just had a cable from Charles saying he had arrived safe & well - The newspaper men took a picture of the living room which they said they'd send me. If so I'll send it on down. Tell Father that he need not worry about Michael not liking his name when he grows up because he has two chances on another. The birth certificate is registered in the name of Michael, Nicholas, Samuel, Edison Sloane — and that is his legal name so if he wants to change he can. It is a simple matter to take any one he pleases. That was a beautiful birthday bouquet you sent him - lots & lots of love to you both

Madeleine.

[CA Feb 24, 1931]

Darling mother and father -

This really should be an anniversary letter but will probably be late - I have so many gifts to young michael to be acknowledged that I hardly have time to write anything else - To-days loot was two beautiful knitted blue caps — (which makes him rate about a dozen of that garment) and a pot of jonquils - He calmly sucks his thumb and looks as sleepy as a Supreme court

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justice while mama does all the work. He is gaining enormously and weighs over ten pounds - To-day we were able to get him out in the carriage awhile which has been impossible on account of the bad weather lately. It always does him a lot of good so he'll probably weigh eleven pounds to-morrow — at the least.

Uncle John and Florence have had some sort of brain storm and have invited the three older boys over to their house for Sunday dinner !!! Whether Glenside Road survives remains to be seen - Ted + Jack are riding to-night in their mounted troop and John has gone over to get them. That seems to be quite an affair — and they look simply too beautiful for words in their uniforms and riding boots. Ted is an especially good rider and consequently gets all the worst

horses to ride because he can manage them. and though of course his ma is very proud of such prowess it has its drawbacks. They are quite a sight all those youngsters when they really get the drill going - and they look so attractive.

We sent you the photographs of the little altar for Michael's Christening which the newspapers must look on the day of the celebration. Hope it doesn't get mixed with a thousand other things so that you never see it.

Went in to see Carolyn the other day when I went for my last appointment with Dr. Ryder. She seems to me quite bright and cheerful and I think its doing her good. I didn't stay very long because Dr. Horne and some friend were there and anyway I had a lot of things to do so I couldn't. Dr. Ryder finds everything O.K. with me so that's that. I feel rather sorry to say good bye to him. He's a nice man — I wish if you have any influence with Margaret's family that you'd suggest they take her to see him for an examination — I'd bet dollars to doughnuts there's been something wrong with her insides since the miscarriage she had — or maybe before.

John spent the day yesterday at the trial of one of the West Orange police men who had an altercation with a lady who had previously attacked him — with dire results to the lady. The proceedings entailed a good deal of noise — with dire results to the gentleman, who is now up "on charges" before the police commissioner and will probably lose his job — with dire results to his wife and two or three children. John had to go and hold the police commissioner's hand so I went to the theatre with Jess and Anna in Newark. It was not a particularly good play but it served to pass the time and Anna said my enthusiastic applause showed that I had spent some dull weeks in a hospital recently. People do not seem

to have the least idea of how exciting hospitals really are.

A most horrible picture of the baby and me appeared in the Jersey Supplement of the Times this morning. They had a much better one but of course didn't use it. I have always hoped that my life would not include portrayal in the Jersey Supplement but this is apparently not my year for hoping. And as all newspaper pictures of me seem to have the same general aspect I am beginning to fear that I must really look like that. This particular portrait looks a little like Mussolini I am proud to

Say. It must be my Roman nose.

On the other hand the picture of you and Jackie I thought was rather good though your Red Cross photograph below had a certain sternness about it. Three times in one Sunday Edition for the family ~~was~~ going some I should say! There is nothing much to report about the world in general. Peter is to have a party on his birthday if it can be managed and I think we had better make Ted's a theatre party so that the entourage doesn't die of making too much birthday cake. Jack has just written a most exhaustive treatise on fish which is really quite a masterpiece of clarity of expression - I don't know just what he expects to do with it but it's really very good. Anne has been angelic enough to come up several times and practice with Peter

where musical prodigy has bewildered elders - as prodigies sometimes do when accompanied by the young ~~[illegible]~~ relations. The given child" as Bogie calls him has been a source of great joy to me as well as very helpful. She is quite unusual and I have become quite fond of her - though I don't think being a secretary is exactly the job for her - She is too much of an individual -

Alice & Lorena Pomroy have just come back from a glorious vacation in Jamaica and other places. They flew from Jamaica to Miami and had the time of their lives apparently. Jessie I saw, was in San Juan with his yachting party - I wonder if he saw Aunt Louise & Rudd -

The children should be coming home so I'll close before I'm interrupted again. Love and very so much love, and many congratulations on your 44th or is it the 45th?

Madeline.

worked out a marvellous "treasure hunt" with a
gory pirate story - a map in which the house
was metamorphosed into an island, and "clues"
which eventually lead to a tub full of bags of
marbles - under the stairs. We were
going to have a movie show with Jack as
demonstrator but found at the last minute
that we couldn't make the room dark enough
so had to give it up - which caused most of
the confusion as we had counted on it. Well,
we all lived through it anyway though I must
say I was exhausted next day and stayed in
bed most of it.

Thank you ever so much for the grand present
of gold pieces - I put Teddy's in a box
marked "sheer chiffons" which had contained
stockings - and he was much alarmed.

Miss Given and I have parted reluctantly
(she says) on her part. I really haven't
enough for her to do and anyway I think
she ought to get something more suited to her
talents. She has been an invaluable help.

See Bogie Rose Grange Hexagons she enclosed in her letter were the loveliest things!
They are still sharpening. (for the garden)
I forgot to say that - I saw one of those big olive jars like mine in at the Parcels Post still waiting
one.

Hewlett Park
West Orange.
March 8, 1931 -

Darling mother and father;

You needn't think you are getting
all the bad weather down there - To-day is
simply terrible - wind and rain since early
morning shading into snow and now fog. However
we do need it for the water supply so "rain
is our choice".

Peter's party almost prostrated the four
able bodied females who attended as guardians
We had fourteen wild indians of approx -
mately eight years of age and it took the
combined energies of Miss Given, Jean, Ann
and myself to keep the roof over our
heads. Every child should have one
birthday party to remember but I waited
too long with this one. The age of six is
more easily handled. However I think
the children had a good time. Miss Given

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and I thank you ever so much for the loan of her but now there is
no need and having so many around is more confusing than anything.
We have put her in touch with the editor of a new magazine which is
starting here in Jersey - and I hope she'll be able to get some job on that.
She has done some quite remarkable illustrating and really should be
in some such work. Leslie Ford is printing the magazine and the picture
of the court of this house is to be the cover of the first number. The
editor of it went in to see John and that is how we were able to put her
in touch with him.

Now I want to get Gordon Pascal a job. They are having a very hard
time - the antique business having gone perfectly flat. They had been doing
very well up to the crash and since then of course nobody is buying anything.
Helen has some decorating jobs that would tide them over but they don't
think they will have the money to finance them. It would only take $6,000
but they have no security to offer and banks will not lend it that way of
course. It seems pretty dreadful to go on the rocks for $6,000 when you have
the work in sight. Gordon now wants to get a job but heaven knows
what at. Things are pretty fierce for some people up here.

John went down to Trenton the other night on some political meeting and
said the place was full of communists milling around in front of the State
House shouting "To Hell with Charity! We want free water, gas and
electricity" and they also wanted $15 a week from the State I believe.

Uncle John and Florence have gone up to Boston leaving Nancy and
Stewart to the tender mercies of Anna. They have asked various relatives
to call up at stated intervals and communicate with the Hub in case of
Battle, murder or any other untoward circumstances. My day is to-morrow.

Michael continues to be a very good boy. Strong as an ox and pulls
everything to pieces he can lay hands on. A beautiful clean sheet in the
morning looks like a dish rag by night. Eyes are definitely blue, and hair I
can't be sure about yet. He is the tallest baby I ever saw - just goes on
and on indefinitely. He is beginning to notice things and smile and make funny
little baby noises. He continues to receive on the average of one cap a day.
Jack has written a very elaborate treatise on fish & has compiled a volume of information
on their care. Both very good. Lots of love to you all. Madeleine.

Sunday · March 15-
1931.

Darling mother and father:

The news from the Sloane family may be put briefly thus:

Pa and ma. O.K.
T. + P. O.K. for the moment.
M. very much O.K. weight 11 pounds - and going strong. Plays unceasingly with rattle attached to side of crib - so that when sleep is desired rattle must be removed in order that he can concentrate.

J. at present sick in bed with grippe - but gaining fast. Osteopath, regular physician, nurse and devoted mother + father in charge. Is expected to recover in time for next drill of mounted Troop.

So much for the immediate family. Affairs in the household are not so flourishing. Wednesday morning loud sobs and shrieks were heard from the servants wing after a

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Telephone call, and it appeared ~~that~~ Violet's husband with whom she hasn't been living for some time, was in the hospital in Newark — very badly hurt. We thought at first he had been run over by an automobile but later found he had been hit over the head by some kind friend and all his papers and money taken. He had been unconscious since Monday but they hadn't been able to find out who he was till Wednesday. She of course rushed right down and came back for a minute yesterday to get her clothes (and some money) — Reports that he is still unconscious (how do you spell that) — but that he may pull through and be a ~~pat~~ paralytic all his life. Of course the colored epaqquale so much you can't tell a thing about it. I think the man drank, though he seems to have been able to hold a good job — Well anyway Violet was a complete wreck and I told her to stay out till Wednesday — I am giving a party Tuesday, a very small and informal Bridge in honor

of mother Sloane's birthday, and I thought it would only confuse things to have her here. We have been getting in extra people to help but of course things are always upset that way. However I am getting used to the fact that no matter when I start giving a party it is the direct signal for some calamity - though the skies may have been of the most limpid and cloudless blue - for weeks beforehand.

John has been asked to take the Chairmanship of the Regional Planning for Essex County - as a branch of the national board or whatever it is - anyway the main squeezers in New York - He has not yet decided if he'll do it but they have sent him a long list of everybody suitable in all the towns for heads of the committees - Your name appears, mother, with this comment:

Mr. Thomas A. Edison - suggested by Mr. Jones.
(Fine Leader)

See what a reputation you've got! This is

The thing Charles Norton started in N.Y.
It ties in with Chamber of Commerce Beautification
etc. But it funny how that sort of thing
drags me all my life when I hate it so? I think
it's grand in theory but I simply can't get up
any enthusiasm about being mixed up in it. And
it seems to me I just go from one
Regional planner to another so to speak. Ann
is trying to get me to go to meetings of the Thing
she took over for you — & suggested in an
evil moment that they ought to make a park
+ sort of hanging garden out of the Quarry at
The top of Mt. Pleasant — no Northfield — road.
and I'd like to make a garden of a quarry
and she jumped at it and said I could do it.
Sooner or later I suppose I'll have to get into
it if you are all going to spend your lives
Thus. It would be fun to make that garden
if I was given carte blanche and plenty of
money to do it with — but if I've got to include
Mr. Williamson's favorite flower and the local
architects designs and a few other peoples thoughts
on rock gardens I don't think I'll have much

a whale of a time. The truth is that I was never made to work on committees and like Mr. Ogden Stewart - "I do not love my fellow-man."

Carolyn says Charles sailed yesterday on the "Saturnia" - Cosulich line. He is taking the Southern route and will be ten days on the boat which ought to give him a good rest. It's a lovely boat. I went all over her sister ship the Vulcania - the year Alice and I had a pipe dream of spending the summer abroad - or at least I had the pipe dream and she spent the summer - Carolyn has been in New York a good deal as I haven't seen her - She has been with the Firestones and went in again yesterday - Russell does not seem to be in such good condition.

There was a very attractive picture of you in the Newark News driving a race horse at the Firestone place. You looked as if you were having a grand time and doing it to the queen's taste - Father appeared in the

Times this morning - consulting with Mr. T. on what appeared to be the running board of a car. At any rate we follow you in pictures.

Nancy and Stewart seem to have survived their parent's Boston trip and what is still more remarkable Anna seems to have survived it too. I haven't seen aforementioned parents but from what I gleaned over the telephone the wedding was beautiful and they had a fine time.

Ted and Peter are at Mother Sloane's for dinner to-day as Charles is home from the Easter vacation. We pick them up after luncheon for a trip to Bernardsville - where John takes business - the young look at cows and various other attractions of a stock farm. and Heaven knows what I do. Dorothy Lord is also accompanying her husband and son so probably we will smoke cigarettes to-gether. I find that smoking fills in quite a lot of time really. It would be alright if they'd let me listen to the business conversation - but I hate cows.

Ted and Jack are violently interested in their Mounted Troop. Various factions of Parents have been engaging in a private war with the original director of the organisation and such a tempest in a tea pot I never have heard. It is too long a story to go into but the director acted like a six year old child and is now finally replaced by another. I went to one meeting with John and found myself one of four women among some twenty men. I have heard mothers being motherly before but I'd never heard fathers being fatherly and it was a revelation. They were all so mad and so funny I had a terrible time keeping properly solemn — in fact more than once a large grin over-spread my features. I didn't know men could get that way. Once I thought two of them were going to fight for each other. It was too lovely. And I didn't know there was that much plain speaking left in the world. I had a perfectly gorgeous time.

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I'd better close this as dinner will be ready shortly. John is supposedly reading to Jack while I write this but has been called away twice for political dissertations over the phone. Jack is a very patient listener. About as far as I ever get is a page at a time.

lots of love to you all and hope it has warmed up down there.

Madeline.

[March 29, 1931]

Palm Sunday.

Darling Mother and Father:

At last Spring seems to have some intention of visiting these parts and to-day is lovely and mild — if somewhat dampish underfoot after much needed rain. Things are popping in the garden — our lawn is covered with some delightful looking black "humus" and we are considering the planting of a new apple tree — in short everything is advancing, including Michael and Teddy's embryonic moustaches!

The two older boys went with us for a walk this morning when we stopped in to see Charles and Carolyn. It was my first sight of the returned traveler and we wanted to hear his saga first hand. He seems to have had a most interesting time and

has come back with a great respect for English law and lawyers. It must have been quite an experience, and they got a good deal of pleasant doings in beside the business, spending quite a few days in Paris. I imagine he will write you all about it so I won't try to describe it second hand.

Anne and I went yesterday to hear Peter perform on the organ at one of Mr. Gilbert's pupil recitals. He and one of the tallest and oldest pupils were the only organ players and it was a funny contrast. Several of the children had a terrible time due to stage fright but Peter was as composed as usual, took his time and got through perfectly well. I complimented him afterward about getting along so nicely at his first public appearance and he rejoined "You forget, mother, that I was in the circus at school" —

Ted and Jack are having a great thrill out of this mounted troop they are in and it gets them out of the house every Saturday

at about five o'clock. They take their supper and do scout work first and the riding afterwards - getting home about nine.

Jess Brent and I went in to New York on a lark by ourselves the other night. We had the theatre field tickets for the "Miracle of Verdun" which was not much of a miracle incidentally - very modern and didn't quite get over. pretty bad in spots in fact. Then we stayed overnight at the Bryn Mawr Club after seeing another play in the evening. We decided we wanted to see Katharine Cornell in the "Barretts of Wimpole Street" which is about Elizabeth and Robert Browning - and as it is one of the most popular things in town we had a lovely time shopping for tickets - Finally, after great difficulty got two single seats at opposite ends of the 1st row balcony. There we promptly took to the Box office and asked with tears in our eyes if they couldn't do better for us.

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They said leave the tickets and if any better and bigger seats come in you shall have them. We did, and in the end got wonderful seats right back of each other in the sixth and seventh rows. It pays to take your tickets to the Box Office apparently.

It seems that Aunt Mary and Uncle will send Marianne a check for her birthday with the idea that she should give a family party with it. This I consider very nice for this family but rather tough for Mary Anne.

I have the box for the Philadelphia next time as you know, and am asking the Frows, Elsa (Denison) Voorhees, Tommy, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tucker of N.Y. Also Uncle and Florence are coming to the dinner we are having for the Box party. Mrs. Farr, sad to say, has a cold and doesn't think she can be present so I guess I'll ask Dora Barslow or Edith W.

I am sending you a small Easter remembrance. It looked so pretty and bright and I hope it will be useful. But I don't know – so many pretty and bright things aren't. However it will bring our wishes for a Happy Easter.

Michael is getting fine and big. He is still quite a solemn youth but will smile charmingly on occasion. You apparently did not see our portrait in the public press. You apparently are also the only one who missed it – worse luck.

I will enclose one if I have an extra and let you judge for yourself if we don't look like Italian primitives.

A real photograph is supposed to be taken about a week from now whose destination is said to be "Town & Country" or "Spur" so if they are any good I'll send you one of those.

Charles James Fox presented me with an enlargement of the picture he took of the

three boys on the stairs here. It is really very nice, and I'm delighted to have it. This is the second time he's presented me with an extra special portrait of some sort — very pleasant but mystifying.

Peter informed me he wished we could go some where and see something interesting this vacation! He suggested Florida. I wish we could fly down or something - probably in a few more years it will be quite possible. I'm glad to know anyhow that I've got one child with the wanderlust like his mother. However his mother seems to be losing hers due to lack of exercise! Probably all that will be left is a sympathy for the feeling pretty soon — and I won't even care about being wheeled about to places of interest in a chair.

There really is very little news to tell you outside the family. Nothing much seems to happen in the immediate vicinity except that

everybody has had at least one session of the grippe. Ted started in Wednesday night but we doctored him so violently that we broke it up in about a day.

John is very much involved with business and political excitements, and everybody else I know is looking for a job and talks about the extent of the news - foreign and domestic.

We are driving over to see mother Sloane this afternoon — if she's in. She has been up here and telephoned etc. and we are always out — The news from Adelaide isn't very encouraging. She is improving but very slowly and the doctors tell Charlie it will be another three years they think before she is well. It's heart breaking.

Peter has gone to the Jordon's to play baseball with everybody his age - from Ralph Osborne and Kenneth Jordon down. Even Dr. Pierce was playing last Sunday. The older boys won't

So but Peter has a wonderful time.
I think however we will take a turn
around there to see that he wasn't eaten
up by a dog on the way over as he
went on the journey alone -
lots and lots of love to you all -
and Happy Easter to everybody.

Madeleine.

[March 1931]

MRS. JOHN E. SLOANE
LLEWELLYN PARK
WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

Darling mother.

We have just come back from dining at mother Sloane's to celebrate her birthday and those of Peter and Ted. She had forgotten them completely so they all had a joint birthday cake and "mad march hares" in the form of Easter rabbits at each place.

I am feeling pretty well again though I am still keeping myself rather quiet. managed to totter in to the flower show Friday and win a second prize with your geraniums arranged in a New mexican shepherd's pot.

my model I finished after a fashion before going to the hospital and John took it in gingerly on the front seat

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of the car where it seems to have caused a near riot when the judges got to it. They argued for an hour and a half because one of the judges wanted to give it first prize and the other two wanted one of the other models. Neither side would give an inch and my friend said it was too good for second prize and he wouldn't insult it by giving it third and the only way he would consent to its not being given first was if they would give it a special badge of merit - which they did. It must have been rather amusing and I'm sorry I didn't hear the discussion.

Jess substituted for me in two classes

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3 I had entered and got a second prize in one of them so on the whole my being under the weather wasn't so serious. It seems some something always goes wrong at Flower Show time either with me or the family.

The enclosed letter was sent me from Bob Macbeth to forward to you. He seems to be quite worried because he feels that your pictures need some extra repairs which will exceed his estimate and that you will think he is advocating same to bolster up his business or something. He seems to think the extra work is absolutely necessary and it would be a mistake not to have it done while the pictures are there. The estimate, I gather, is considerably higher than what he told you. ~~though~~ he is handling the job for you at cost.

I went down to Smith about the Easter flowers and he says he got a letter from you about it. Atkinson does not

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think it will be possible to put in the ivy and pansies just now on account of weather conditions - We will have the lilies and I thought of using some heathers among the evergreen on the grave and perhaps a touch of it in the wreaths. It is lovely heather and would give a soft touch of color - I hope you will like that idea. I will go over to-morrow to see how the evergreen looks up to now. It has been cold + raw - to-day however is beautiful, so you can't tell what it will be like in another week.

Michael has been a little peevish this last week and we wondered why until we discovered he has suddenly sprouted six teeth. Talk about the crocuses!

John has not been feeling at all well - I think he is tired out and has a

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5. nasty cold. Jack has had one too but is
alright again.
The Yardleys are giving a dance at
Mrs. Jenkins' on the second of April. I believe
it is to be an old fashioned cotillion. Of
course we won't go as it is too big a party.
Mr. Scheerer had to be operated on in
Venice for appendicitis and has been very
ill. He and Mrs. Scheerer were on one of those
cruises and he had to be taken off the
boat. Peritonitis set in after the operation.
He is better now the last reports say.
Paul Scheerer has gone over to be with them.
Did I tell you I am in the Cosmopolitan
Club? Mrs. Norton was at luncheon last
Wednesday when I went in to see Mrs. Thompson
You know she lived in Lake Forest quite
a while and knows Mrs. Thompson and
Mrs. Martin (whom Mr. T. was visiting) very
well. Mrs. Thompson does not seem to
have changed much. In fact she looked

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younger than the last time I saw her. She says Julie's oldest little daughter is a case and told several very amusing stories about her. One night she (Mrs. T.) did something to little Julie that the young lady did not like - reported her for something I think - and next day Julie asked her grandfather at breakfast - "Grandfather - do you consider grandmother a lovable woman?" Julie senior seems to be fine but poor - She hopes to be able to scrape enough together to gather for them all to come East to Annisquam this summer so I may see her - although they always seem to go straight to Boston so I may not.

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I must see what the family is up to. There is an ominous quiet - Ever so much love mother dear

and a happy Easter -

Madeline.

P.S. I haven't heard a word about Lewis. Do you mean They have a small daughter?

[APRIL 5, 1931]

Easter Sunday.

Darling mother and father:

The Radio is going a mile a minute directly opposite my left ear so if this gets a bit too melodious you'll know why. Peter is celebrating the occasion by spending the day in bed so we have him down in the guest room nearer the centre of things. Its another cold - not so serious this time - but annoying to say the least. It has been raw and chilly in spots these past few days and a lot of rainy weather. You simply cannot follow the child around with rubbers every minute and during the warm intervals he peels off most of his

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outer clothing and then gets chilled. What to do? Just pray is all I can see.

Miss Thornberry departed for church at eight this morning so I bathed young Michael for the first time. I didn't drown him but I did get the water too hot and was warned of impending scalding by seeing his mouth droop auspiciously at the corners. He is getting very pretty and weighs 12 lbs. 2½ ounces. Quite a solemn youth still although in his merry moods he makes the greatest noise crowing you ever heard. His is a good robust sense of humour that needs something tangible to laugh at – nothing too whimsical. He'll probably enjoy good vaudeville when he gets older – but a Barrie play will leave him cold.

Our dinner and concert party went off very well except that we were late so that Uncle John and Florence had to wait outside till the intermission. They were the last to get to the dinner party however so they couldn't hold it against us

too much. Tommy Chalmers was later because he went to West 58th instead of East and found himself in a "Funeral Home" - but we didn't wait for him. It was quite a nice concert. Brahms and Wagner. Tommie says Stokowski is a "lousy" Wagner conductor but the rest of us couldn't see anything wrong with his efforts. After the concert some of us went down to Tommie's "apartment" for bear and crackers and a spirited discussion of most of the plays in town. after which we went on home.

We have retrieved the tickets for the thing Stokowski is doing at the Metropolitan on April 22. It is Stravinsky and will probably be awful but one should be educated as to modern trends I feel - however painful it may be. I hope you didn't want to sell these particularly. If so let me know and I'll send them back - 2-5-42

Friday, our cousin Hazel has invited us up to New Haven for dinner and a dance - Hazel Edison in case you don't place her. The Steve Kelsey are going and we will all go up together I imagine. It is the opening of some new Club house where the 'elite of New Haven congregate.

The enclosed is a copy or rather the original document, I left at Peter's bedside ~~last~~ last night with a basket of contributions from the Easter Bunny. Peter's reply will be found by diligent search. I send it to show the difference in loquacity between the old and the new generation.

I suppose you have heard from Anne or from Olga herself of the latter's engagement. It isn't announced yet but I suppose they wrote you. Very nice I think. Anne wants to go up and give the new brother-in-law an inspection but Theodore won't be able to go

I guess for some Time he is so busy. He is looking better these days. Playing hand ball at noon seems to do him a great deal of good. Anne is getting to be an expert squash racquet player but I don't think it is so good for her as hand ball is for Theodore. – but perhaps she was just tired when I saw her last.

We'll have to stop and see about Peter.

maybe I'll have time to add something later – but again maybe not – so I'll say farewell now –

Tell Bogie her card was much appreciated.

Likewise yours –

lots of love –

madeleine.

Sunday, April 19, 1931

Darling Mother and Father:

I'm lying out of doors writing this so you see that Spring has came! All the little hyacinths are popping in our terrace - the daffodils are yellow at the end of the grass alley - the lawn is being grubbed up - and George Ashley is coming out for supper - all signs that winter is over. And speaking of George - he has at last gone to see Mr. Meigs at the head of the Arlington galleries - something I've been at him to do for a year now - and they are so entranced with his work that they are giving him a one man show at the gallery!! I feel as though my favorite horse had won the Derby!

I forgot to tell you in my last letter that Michael is wearing his beautiful shawl every

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day because it is the most useful one he has - just the right weight and everything.
Miss Thoroughgood loves to dress him up and you would thoroughly approve of his appearance! He is much-much more immaculate than were the other babies - under their mother's care! However I got a lot of fun out of taking care of them even if it was hard sometimes. Mother I have only on mondays when the nurse goes out and I have invited everybody to come and see him then as I can do what I like.
Mary Anne's family theatre party was a great success. I think everybody had a good time and enjoyed the play. Uncle John took the train for Albany immediately afterward so we brought Florence home -
Anne & Theodore got off to Boston last night

to inspect Olga's young man. That was a cute letter she wrote you and doesn't she sound happy! I do hope the youth is all he sounds like. I think Mrs. Osterhout will be alright. Anne says she has always wanted to travel, and she probably will do that with some friends for awhile. And she has the little house at Quissett where the girls can come + visit her. I went up with Anne to the place in the park - their place I mean - the other day and it certainly is a lovely spot. The trees in their nursery are simply amazing. You would never believe they were the same little splinters they put in about two years ago. I hope you do not feel too badly about Theodore's resigning at the lab. He looks like a different person already, and even if this thing he's doing proves a flat failure I think it was the only thing for Theodore. He just has

to live his own life as he sees it.

Charles and Cindy have been much occupied with some Italian Baron that Charles met on the boat and who was here only a short time. We did not meet him but he is said to be very attractive. We don't see C. + C. very much so I can't tell you much of their news but they looked very fit at Mary Anne's party.

John is getting more and more involved in politics. He likes it and seems to be able to do it well. He has just been made member-at-large of the Republican County Committee and is very active about a lot of local and state affairs. It is quite interesting and promises to be more so all the time. We will probably entertain the Republican candidate for governor in the near future - either with a dinner or a reception or both - I just sit by and do what I'm told and just

3. hope to be told at least a couple of days in advance of the impending event. The Orange Horse Show - the Garden Club of America meeting on Long Island, and the Republican excitement all come about the same time so the Sloane household will be in a ferment. Probably the maids will all leave just to complete the picture. I am staying with Alice in N.Y. during the Long Island Thing which lasts three days - You visit gardens from morn till dewy eve and at the end of the day you are about ready to be carried out on a stretcher but its lots of fun. There is a big buffet luncheon at Mrs. Harold Pratt's place and an evening reception at Mr. Clarence Mackay's. As you have no time to change your clothes the ladies present an unusually brilliant appearance at these evening functions.

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we are about to change Michael into his big crib as he's getting terribly long for the little one - and mother you should see what he has done to its silken sides!! He is a little rough neck if ever there was one - wouldn't you know it when we all spent our time wishing femininity on him? He has clawed the silk to ribbons and it certainly will have to be relined for the great grandchildren! Why do you say in such a fatalistic tone that Imogene is awaiting her "fifth boy" I'll bet a cookie it will be a girl - Probably I could do it the fifth time - not that I'm thinking of trying -

Michael just got another cup from his English godfather Uncle Ned Eyre. It is enormous and will do much better as a beer mug. It is over one hundred years old and really stunning but no baby

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Could ever manage it so far as I can see -
and Michael's hands are about as big
as they come!

I told you, didn't I, that we are sending
the three older boys to camps and are
staying here ourselves with Baby! So
perchance we may see a little of you -
Please come home as soon as you can.

Molly was painting all the porch
furniture when I was over there
yesterday.

lots and lots of love -
madeline -

[CA April 1931]

Darling Mother and Father:

This has been something of a hectic week as John suddenly developed a very bad case of grippe on Sunday night and has been sick all week. Up now but feeling very limp. He got too hot the first night and got up and wandered around getting clean pajamas etc. with the result that he acquired Tonsilitis on top of the grippe. Wednesday night we were giving a dinner in New York before the Stokowski Thing at the Metropolitan so I had to get Charlie to substitute as host and drive our car in and out with guests I had promised to transport.

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I hope you didn't mind my retrieving the tickets for that as I wouldn't have missed it for anything. We had the dinner at the Bryn Mawr Club – that being cheaper than anywhere else with the least vestige of elegance – and I tried to ask people who would really enjoy the thing. Think I succeeded pretty well and the "Oedipus Rex" was stunning. The ballet "Pas D'Acier" was interesting and not nearly so ugly as last year. but the first thing was worth the price of admission – Beautiful and beautifully done. Mme. Matzenauer sang the principal part with fervor – Stokowski always seems to get all his former loves working for him with apparent enthusiasm after a few more years I think it would be

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cute to have an orchestra or something composed of all his ex-wives and girl friends. He'll probably have quite a respectable collection — given a little more time.

Friday night we had tickets with Anne and Theodore for "Grand Hotel" which we've been trying to get for weeks and weeks. Charlie again substituted for John and we went to a funny Swedish restaurant for dinner where everybody but Theodore jumps up and helps themselves to a succession or more or less terrible Swedish hors d'oeuvres (how do you spell that anyhow?). Theodore takes a straight respectable dinner.

Anne and I went to the Architectural Show in the late afternoon before meeting the boys and it was so interesting that it was seven o'clock before we knew it. Most people

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think it is a poor show this year but they have a really wonderful exhibition from Sweden of recent and ancient work over there and I was also much interested in the models of old mexican and mayan temples and things. It made me want to go to mexico more than ever.

Anne + Theodore have just come back from Boston where they inspected Olga's young man and found him thoroughly to their liking. They had been up every night for about four nights Wednesday so were not feeling too brilliant by the time they got to the play. Theodore in fact, decided that he preferred some of the efforts at the Lyceum in East Orange. Well, as he says, everyone to his taste said the old woman as she kissed the cow. To me it was a brilliant play, brilliantly done except for the

instability of the scenery which would wobble slightly in the more passionate moments. They have a revolving stage and take you from one room to another of the hotel in the most amazing succession of scenes - using the movie technique of "black-out". To me it was an intensely interesting evening, although I felt as if I'd had the tonsilectis myself when we started.

Uncle John came up yesterday to look at our stove as he is preparing to buy one for you at Glenmont - Ours is much too light and inadequate for your needs however -

The children are fine except Peter who seems a little under par - I don't know exactly why -

The older boys are excited over their mounted troop - They are all going to West Point two weeks from yesterday and next week General Andrews of the Regular Army is presenting them with their chevrons. I hope both boys have

a chance to become officers and I think they have. Ted was rated third in the troop last Saturday. He is considered one of the best riders and really does ride extremely well. He and Eddie Preble, Florence Colgate's son - have become great pals. Both boys seem to pick nice friends for which I am extremely thankful. Peter I think will be the problem in that line as he gets enthusiasms - in which I must say I cannot always join.

I must finish a letter of thanks to Uncle Ned for a gigantic silver cup he sent to Michael. It looks like a container for the nourishment of a young giant - well it's over a hundred years old and they say there were giants in those days!

Ever so much love.

Madeleine.

Llewellyn Park
West Orange, New Jersey

May 4, 1931.

Darling mother and Father -

Didn't get my letter written to you over the week end so I must hustle to get it in before the week engulfs me. I have just had a luncheon for our old Skylark Club - every one there but marie who had just come home from Hot Springs and felt she couldn't depart again so soon from home and family. Elmina is here from Florida and Rosanjorie Browning from her home in California, so it was quite a reunion - The only day they could all come was the day all the maids are out so I decided to go ahead anyway.

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I got Henry (for the first time this year) & and Veronica and Kathryn of course were coming anyway. I purchased most of the food already prepared by Woman's Exchange and the Nutshell so it just had to be warmed up and prepared. I have never had a more peaceful party. The waitress I have is simply impossible and has hysterics generally if I have more than three people - I am only keeping her till the boys get off to camp and it was fine to have her out of the way.

The Baby's nurse is acting up a bit and I may have to change her. She is very good but a complete crab. I trust nothing happens however until I get on my week of Garden Club activities on Long Island. We are due to start on the 18th for a week of touring gardens. Alice and I and another friend are to stay at the Piping Rock Club which

ought to be fun and I hope will be.

Charles and Carolyn, Anne and Dinghen and Hermann and the children are going to a nice holiday. The last named I did not see as they came in the morning when I was not up. Anne is going to address the Civic Committee of the Women's Club (I think it is) on the subject of Radio 10 - as everybody is getting hooked on the subject as usual. The Public Hearing in Newark is on the 21st and somebody was probably to Read in the melée. Anne was getting some large prom dress to lea the ladies. George Mack has been making things very uncomfortable trying to save some land he bought at the top of the mountain and which he wants to put in the Park & it would be of great advantage - is selling it. Of course it is unfortunate we have to have the road at all but that is no stopping that - and it has to go through somebody's land. He is making it out that it was to be a tremendous detriment to the

Park and really it has nothing to do with it.

Mrs. Merritt had a tea the other day for Miss Brown of the Community House – Why I can't imagine except that I suppose it has to be done every so often.

I am sending you under separate cover one of the announcements of George's Exhibition. I saw most of the things the other day and they are very interesting not at all like ours but most unusual. I really hope he has started at last. I am sending out some of the cards to worth while connoisseurs like yourself with a few words by me urging their attendance. I do hope he sells some of the things – both because it might encourage him and also because he owes me $165.00

Hazel Edison Farrel wrote me the other day and asked you and Cousin Edith and me to lunch with her and her mother at Pierre's this week. I replied that as you were in Fort Myers Fla. you must be counted out but that the rest of those invited would be charmed. The food at the new Pierre's is said to be beyond word awful and I long to take them around the corner to the marigny but I guess it wouldn't be polite and I'll just have to eat my lunch before I go.

I suppose you know that Unc departed for Bermuda just like that –!! lots of love. Madeline

Monday, May 11, 1931

Darling Mother and Father;

I seem to be getting increasingly bad about Sunday letters but somehow lately one or the other of my large and prosperous family seems to want something every minute, and when they are all home together the effect is continuous.

The two older boys went with their troop to visit West Point on Saturday and came home somewhat tired but having had a grand time. Ted was particularly impressed by the beauty of the chapel. He is developing into a very observing young man and his comments on things are most interesting — and thank heaven he seems to have good critical judgement and admire worth while things (artistically).

I've always thought Jack was, the artistic

Thanks for checks + letters.

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one and I'm delighted that Ted is showing sound taste, too.

It has been a fairly strenuous week as Monday was my luncheon - which went off very peacefully - Tuesday was the Garden Club with a luncheon at Rock Spring and visits to various gardens in the afternoon - Annie gave us a talk on the work she has been doing in the "Clean up - Spruce up" Campaign - and introduced another idea for a "Yard and Garden" contest to be staged next. She is certainly working hard and the results so far have been most satisfying. She speaks very well and very easily and makes a very good impression. I am so sorry I wasn't born more civically minded. I think I would have been so much more of a pleasure to my family all through life - but I guess I can't help my feelings and all I can do is just grin and bear it while the rest of the family straighten out the town.

mother Sloane was asked to run for Freeholder on the Democratic Ticket but she decided against it. However she told Father Sloane that if it wasn't for the fact that she was a little blind and a little deaf she would be very much tempted to run. His rejoinder was: "Thank God you are a little blind and a little deaf" — well. I feel somewhat that way myself but have concluded that it does no good and I might as well climb on the band wagon - however — wearily!

We have just learned that after all the work John and various others have done to get Route 10 lined up the way we think it would be least objectionable - the Highway Commission is going ahead to recommend the same plan they had three years ago - cutting through the hat factory and up very close to the Trenaye's, Brigham's and Carters - John's

committee got hold of the alignment and now they have to hustle to get something done before may 21st which is the final hearing on the subject. I imagine it will be a grand fight. John has been working to have the town of West Orange itself protest about taking any of the Park, rather than have Llewellyn Park protest as a separate unit. George Merck's meddling has embarrassed him quite a little in that regard, particularly as George did not explain himself fully and went ahead as if nobody had done anything. He simply doesn't understand that things exist until they come in contact with him. Quite a usual failing I suppose.
Anyway John now has to rush around doing what he can to save the ship. He has one idea that I think is grand and that is to have the town pass an ordinance limiting the use of dynamite in blasting which would cramp their style considerably in building the

road. The garrison's were here Saturday for tea and they say that Route 10 has simply devastated the village of Whippany - All the trees along the road taken down and the houses moved back. It is a pleasing prospect and these state engineers are simply ruthless about everything.

John I think looks very badly and I wish to goodness he could get off and have a little rest and pleasure. Business of course is not in an encouraging state and all the men look as if they were seeing ghosts most of the time.

Uncle John just telephoned and seems to have enjoyed Bermuda. He certainly needed the outing and I hope really got some good out of it. He and Florence are worried about the paint in your room - not being exactly the same as before. maybe it isn't but I went over to look at it and thought it was quite a nice color. The

Stiple shows a bit more than it did which you may not like, but on the whole I thought it looked well.

Has the Stone baby come yet? You haven't mentioned the event but I thought it was imminent.

This Friday we expect to go to the Bodells in Providence which will be interesting as I haven't seen this new house and have heard so much about it. Then monday I go off on the Garden Club excursion, leaving John to the Primaries and Route 10. It seems awful not to be on hand to vote for my husband the first time his name appears on the ballot but as he is unopposed probably he won't need my vote. Then Friday, next week, when the Garden Club is over John is driving down to Long Island to meet me and we go to Addison Van Tries

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for that week-end. It will make quite a trip for me altogether, but with Miss Thornberry here I think things will go along allright, and John will be here off and on during the week. I am letting her go off three days this week to prepare for the ordeal - and probably Michael will be completely spoiled from my motherly care. However its the only chance I get to enjoy the young man -

Mrs. Cozzens and Mrs. Valentine came up to see him yesterday as Mrs. Cozzens was out here. She seems quite feeble and John said he had to hoist her into the car.

Henry (Horsey) did very well for me at the luncheon and seemed pleased to come. I asked him point blank why he was so disagreeable to you and he said things were not "right" down there owing as far as I could make out - to Mrs. Stevens. He seems to have it in for her. Do you

happen to know what the tragedy is about his daughter's marriage? I said something about it and his face became utterly rigid and he said "I'd rather not talk about it" —

Jack's and Peter's reports have just come in the mail. Peter's is all A – s and Jack hasn't a mark below 90 – except deportment which is 85. Three of his subjects are 95 and the rest 90.

They are all getting excited about camp and the job of buying three outfits promises to keep me busy for a while. Such awful things to buy! flannel shirts and flannel sheets and spiked shoes and what not! I do hope they all have a good summer — and that Peter won't be homesick. I am a little afraid he may be.

Must telephone Dr. Von Hoff — and make an appointment for Michael's monthly looking over. It is an afternoon of merry music generally for all the infants scream at the top of their lungs.

lots of love. Madeleine.

[CA June 1-10, 1931]

Llewellyn Park
West Orange, New Jersey

Darling mother and Father:

I seem to have missed last week altogether in writing and I'm sorry but things move so rapidly that the week-end went by before I realized it and if I don't get a letter in on Saturday or Sunday it is fatal. I trust young Michael's picture will make up for my lapse - The boys are through their school, and passed all examinations well. Jack graduated from the lower School

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with Honorable mention - standing second in the class! We went over to the exercises and saw forty-three very good looking youngsters get their diplomas. They are a nice bunch - very clean cut, wholesome looking boys. Every year they award the distinction of "Head Boy" to the member of the class whom the faculty thinks is most outstanding - Award is made for three things: Scholarship, Athletics, + leadership. This was awarded to a boy named Young - with John Edison Sloane second in the running. We were none of us expecting anything like that - (Jack said he nearly fainted) and of course Jack's parents were not at all pleased!! He isn't so strong on Athletics of course and since that counts I suppose he could not hope to win on that but I was quite satisfied. Ted passed

all his exams well and has certificate standing in all 3 but latin. He is going to tutor a bit in that during the summer and that ought to get him through next year with flying colors.

We will be delighted to accept your invitation to dinner on the seventeenth and I would like your mother to hold the eighteenth open for me until I communicate with you further on the subject. John expects to have a meeting of the Committee on Regional planning out here that night and will probably have George McAneny here for dinner. We thought we would have one or two others and go down to the meeting afterwards. Would be delighted to have Father too but I don't suppose it would interest him.

I want to warn you that between your arrival and the boy's departure on the 29th I shall probably be as busy as a bird dog and will give you a warm welcoming kiss as I plunge into a sea of flannelette sheets, ponchos, fishing tackle name tapes - sweaters, flashlights, socks, pajamas etc. etc. I am trying to assemble the stuff gradually but there is bound to be a week or two of intensive accumulation - not to mention distribution. After the first of July I shall hope to see you often.

We had a dinner party last night for Len - the Bottomes, Kahns, Weekers, and a friend of theirs - At six o'clock Lilly telephoned she had a temperature and had to go to bed and as I had arranged two tables of bridge — it was up to me to get a single, bridge playing lady between six and 7:45. That

once in a while. As Ed Sheffield said
– he thought it was time something
was done for the socially unemployed —
everybody is so depressed around here —
They have almost forgotten how to have any
fun.
Charles and Carolyn must be with you by
this time. I hope your lovely weather will
last and that you will all have a grand
time. Weather is certainly curious up here.
Florence and the children got off yesterday
with four minutes to spare at the Train.
Uncle wanted John and me to play golf
with him this morning but it rained and
anyway we could never have slaggered
around the course. He is apparently
taking up golf in a serious way with
lessons and everything. I think I'll do

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was intense if you ask me! Luckily
Epes Williams is on a fishing trip and
I was able to get Emily, who plays a
very good game, so the country was
saved. John and I played Backgammon
but as we had been up till past one
at the Sheffields' dance the night before —
the game sort of lagged. However we were
able to relax comfortably in the study
while the guests were hard at it in
the living room. It was twelve before
they left so we are a bit limp
to-day with two successive evenings of
dissipation – However it does you good

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The same.

Had a very nice evening at Theodore's the other night. Anne had a birthday cake for me and all the trimmings I thought it was very sweet of her. Theodore played and I yapped some songs and the rest of the party talked about Route 10. and an enjoyable time was had by all.

The house seems to be getting all straightened out and things getting ready for your approach. Bogie, I think, looks a great deal better than she did.

We are certainly looking forward to having you home - Michael is getting teeth to celebrate, and sleeps hardly at all in the daytime so he doesn't look quite so flourishing at present as he did a while back. However he still gains so maybe he is just taking after grandpa and abolishing all but the necessary slumbers during the darkest hours.

Lots of love from us all - to you all -

Madeleine.

[Ca August 1931]

Monday. Dance Harbor Maine

Darling Mother -

One of your letters or telegrams must have got lost somewhere for we had no idea Father was so ill. When we arrived here a letter was waiting which said Father had a cold - then next day came a telegram almost repeating what the letter said. It did not sound alarming except that a hard cold in the summer is not cheerful at best - but we didn't think much about it until we got a wire from you after several days saying - you were much relieved - Father better etc. sounding as if he had been very sick. Next day your Special Delivery arrived. It is very unsatisfactory telephoning but at

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least it makes you seem a bit nearer.?
We expect to leave here on Wednesday, going down to Boston on the Bangor Boat and arriving there Thursday morning early. Our telephone number at Ostinico is Cotuit - 310 Ring 3. Connection there is better at night I think.
We are planning to come home to Orange about the 8th or thereabouts but if there is anything I can do - I am perfectly well and able to do it - and I can come down or go back and fetch the children or we can all come home earlier. Please don't think I'm an invalid any longer because I am perfectly hale + hearty. I am thankful it is cool down there. The weather is unusually warm for Maine and we thought perhaps you were getting another heat wave

It is very peaceful up here except
when the youngest Joan holds
conversations with somebody at the
end of the pier from the front
porch. Father and mother Hoare
are here now and we sail or I watch
John and Alice play golf or we have
exciting bouts of croquet. Went up day
before yesterday to Caroline which is a
beautiful little harbor - to see an old
schooner Alice thought she would buy and
anchor off the point here fixed up
as a guest house. When we got there
found it somewhat of a wreck and
about two city blocks long, so she decided to
look farther.
Miss Y. very has done a very good portrait
of Arthur - and also did somebody else.

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up here before she left for England.
Yesterday Mr. Stokes boy from Philadelphia came over to see it with a view to having her do him so business is looking up for her.
I had hoped we could have an all day picnic to Monhegan in Alice's boat but it seems it's a very long trip and they are not anxious to take the boat out into the open ocean so I guess that will fall through. John has the sail up so I'll have to go and get ready. I do hope Father will continue to improve and you will not get all tired out again yourself — Please keep us informed if there is anything we would be useful for let us know — lots & lots of love to you both.
Madeleine.

FAMILY RECORDS SERIES
EDISON FAMILY PAPERS

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers

The selected documents in this series consist primarily of letters to and from Edison's second wife, Mina Miller Edison. There are also some items by Thomas Edison, including draft telegrams and marginalia on incoming correspondence and interoffice communications. In addition, there are numerous letters authored by or sent to Mina Edison's secretaries and their counterparts at the West Orange laboratory, including Alice Brooks, Helen Dixon, Charles Haas, Richard W. Kellow, William H. Meadowcroft, Harry F. Miller, and Katharine Righter.

Much of the early correspondence relates to the affairs of the Miller family, particularly in regard to the estate of Mary Valinda Miller, who died in October 1912. The correspondents include Mina's sisters Grace Miller Hitchcock and Mary Miller Nichols, her brothers Edward, Ira, John, and Lewis Miller, and her sister-in-law Louise Igoe Miller, as well as attorneys and investment counselors. There are also numerous items pertaining to the Miller family's longstanding interest in the Chautauqua Institution, which was co-founded by Mina's father, Lewis Miller. Some of the letters concern the maintenance of Glenmont, the Edison home in Llewellyn Park, New Jersey, and Seminole Lodge, the family's winter home in Fort Myers, Florida. A 7-page essay written in 1929 expresses Mina's "mixed feelings" about the movement of the Menlo Park laboratory to Henry Ford's Greenfield Village.

In addition to the correspondence by family members, there is a series of fourteen letters covering the period 1910-1917 from naturalist and family friend John Burroughs. Also included are letters from clubs, societies, and other organizations in which Mina was involved; requests for financial assistance; appeals to influence her husband; and thank-you notes.

Approximately 40 per cent of the correspondence for the years 1911-1931 has been selected. All of the letters containing information directly related to Thomas and Mina Edison and their children have been selected, as have numerous other letters documenting significant events in the Edison and Miller families or shedding light on the personalities of family members. Among the documents not selected are routine letters pertaining to the purchase of household items, clothing, and domestic services; solicitations and acknowledgments of annual dues and charitable donations; requests for loans; and letters that duplicate the information in selected items.

In addition to the correspondence, the Edison Family record group at the Edison National Historic Site contains diaries, appointment books, address books, scrapbooks, financial documents, genealogical records, newspaper and magazine articles, and other printed material. A finding aid is available. The documents appear in the following order:

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  - Correspondence -- General, 1913
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- Household Concerns
  - Glenmont

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- John Burroughs, 1910-1917

This folder contains fourteen letters written by naturalist and family friend John Burroughs to Mina Edison. Although only one of the letters bears a full date, internal evidence indicates that they cover the years 1910-1917. Subjects discussed in the correspondence include birds, health, family members, proposed visits to the various Burroughs and Edison residences, the Edison family trip to Europe in 1911, the major fire at Edison's West Orange factories in 1914, and World War I. The letters all have traces of paste on their back pages, suggesting that they were originally contained in a scrapbook.

[1910?]

West Park N.Y.
Mch 8th

Dear Mr Edison,

Thank you for your letter of the 3d. Bird of Florida is in the wing my way now. The robins & song sparrows are here & the blue birds are house hunting, & which is still more to me. "The days beginning to stir" in the maples & leaps out of them like an escaped bird when

you break the back
I have been waiting
maybe longer, since the
4th & am enjoying the
work as I used to in
my boyhood. I sincerely
wish I could be with
you for a week, but it
is too late for me now
& I shall have to wait
for another season.
Our friends the Rowlands
are still in Texas.
I hope you & your family
will keep well & all
come back rested &
happy. Very sincerely Yours
John Burroughs

[1910]

West-Point N.Y.
March 23rd

Dear Mr Edison

Your letter of the 15th creates quite a strong tide in my mind that sets in your direction. If it was a month earlier it would fetch me, But I am having such a good time here now making sugar & listening to the first spring birds When the first song sparrow came two weeks ago my little granddaughter

Nora, aged 5, heard it & came in & told her mother in great excitement that she had just heard "a really truly spring bird." Bless her little heart! I heard it when I came up the next day & said nothing like that in Florida. I do not much enjoy the mocking bird. I have heard him in Fla. & last spring down & heard a good deal of him in Cuba. He does not move me. He is too much of an actor, too theatrical. Yet I should like to be there & hear your songster & see the wild nature around you. I hope I can do so next winter.

Thank you for your invitation to come to Gelsemont in May or June. I should be nothing more than delighted to come down during Rev. Mr. Ritter's ministry.

John Burroughs

[1911?]

West Park N.Y.
May 13

Dear Mr Edison.

Owing to some over blunder your letter of the 30th of April did not come to my hand till yesterday. But it make no difference, I would not have come to you on the 10th. I have been a terrible sufferer from hernia in my leg & am only now just able to be about. Probably two

Rutland has told you,
I want to come to U.S.
before the Rutlands sail
for England if I get well
enough, & when I do so
I shall want to run
over & visit you. If
not I may be able to
come in June.

Always Ever Your
John Burroughs

[1911]

Nut Park N.Y.
June 10

Dear Mr Edison.

Thank you for your very pleasant letter of the 7th. I had hoped to see you again this spring but my plans & engagements have kept me from coming down. And now you are off for Europe which I hope to do this fall or winter. I propose to spend the summer at a place I have among my native hills in the Catskills. The Rockland address

is 5 Prince St Cambridge
Square. Mr. Lowder,
If you see them remember
me to them,
With all good wishes
I am always, sincerely yours
John V Lovering

Roxbury,
Delaware Co.
N. Y.
July 1, 1911

My dear Mrs. Edison,

Your letter of June the 17th finds me up here in the Catskills at my new-old place called Woodchuck Lodge, on the farm where I was born & passed my youth. I find that I thrive better here in the summer than in any

other place – the altitude,
the air, the water seem
to be just what I need.
Then you know, I hope, how
comforting, as one grows
older, are the scenes
of one's youth.
This is a country of
broad open landscapes
along flowing mountain
lines, with cattle on the
horizon and hills.
I don't know whether
you know the Catskills,
but whether you do or

not, you ought sometime to make a tour through them, in your auto, & rest a day at my picturesque old farm house. I know the views here would fill your eyes & delight your soul.

I shall be at Slabsides, probably in October, & should be delighted to receive a visit from you and Theodore.

I don't know whether this letter will

find you in foreign
lands, as I forget the
day of your departure,
but wherever it reaches
you I hope it will find
you well & happy.

Sincerely your friend,
John Burroughs

[1912?]

Atlantic City N.J.,
May 8

Dear Mr Edison

Thank you for the invitation for Saturday I wish I could accept it but I cannot. I must hurry home to-morrow But some day I hope to come out with the Rockefellers to visit you.

Very sincerely Yours
John Burroughs

[1913?]

130 WEST FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET

May 27th

Dear Mr Edison

Your letter of Mon. 22nd pained me here, much unfavorable intelligence well. I should like to come out Saturday P.M. & spend Sunday with you, staying till Monday. If I find I can stay longer I will be glad to do so, may be Mr Rockwell will come with me. If you had rather I wait

till Monday drop me a line.

always sincerely yours

John Burroughs

P.S. We will take the 5th P.M. train.

[1913?]

West Park N.Y.
June 4th

Dear Mrs Edison,

I came back home on Thursday, in little better heart & health I think than when I left. Thanks to you & Mr Edison & that fine auto ride. I am going out to my old home

at Roxbury to-day, to drink
again at the fountains of
my youth & to try to
dream the old dreams
on the hills & in the woods.
The memory of my visit
to your beautiful home
will long stay with me.
With sincere regards
John Burroughs

[1913]

Roxbury N. Y.
Sept 27

Dear Mrs Edison,

I am very glad to see that Mr Edison is again back in his beloved laboratory. He ought to have a summer laboratory up here amid these restful salubrious hills. It would add to his length of days to spend July & August up here. & to your also. I can work here all summer & grow fat while in the Hudson River valley I do less & grow lean. Mr Edison must begin to take in soil, & this is the place to do it. Come up here, & look for your lodge. a

radical change of climate is what he needs.

If we had known how ill Mr Edison was, that Sunday we should have made a more determined effort to keep him. I worried a good deal about you after you had gone. That long ride in one hot day was too much for even a well man. I am pretty tough but that would have used me up. I have some hopes that Mr Ford will build a bungalow here. I keep well & hope to spend most of Oct. here. The glory of the autumn foliage is now upon us. With warm greetings to you all I am

Always Sincerely Yours

John Burroughs

[1914]

file special letters.

West Park, N.Y.
Nov 30.

Dear Mr Edison,

Your letter of the 19th did not reach me till I had returned home. I got very tired in N.Y. as I usually do, long before I had seen half my friends. I suffer in health & my work suffers every time I make a trip there. I wanted to come out & see you & Mr Edison but my time was too crowded.

On Thursday we leave for Yama Farms Inn at Napanoch where we expect to spend part of the winter. This is a unique & famous Inn & I think you & Mr Edison would greatly enjoy a week end there & I hope you will come up while we are there. In Feb. we shall probably go to Fla. again. With best wishes for the winter I am as always,

Sincerely Yours,

John Burroughs.

Mr Ford has been at Yama Farms Inn.

[1915]

Experiment, Ga
Feb 14,

Dear Mrs Edison,

We left Yama Farms the day before your letter of the 9th reached there. We have been here a week & have greatly enjoyed the change from the rigors of winter to this April like weather. Both my wife & me were badly knocked out with colds when we left there, but we are nearly ourselves again now, except that wife suffers from rheumatism. We thank you for the invitation to run down to Seminole Lodge while you & Mr Edison are there, but wife thinks she is too lame to undertake the long journey, & I soon expect to be overwhelmed

with the proofs of my new volume.
We hope to get back home by
or before April 1st
I have thought much about you
& Mr Edison since your great
fire & am rejoiced to know that
your hope & courage proved in-
combustible. I would have bet
on those cement buildings but I
see I would have lost. You are
wise to be looking out for a
retreat somewhere in the mountains.
It should be outside of Jersey I
think. Mr Edison should have
a radical change of air for
three months. I think there is no
place like the Catskills where
the air & the water are the best
on Earth. If Roxbury is too far,
then consider Shandaken about
Pine Hill, from which place the
morning train would take him
to Orange by noon, or a motor
car in 5 hours. Roxbury is about
150 miles from N.Y. with good

state road all the way.
I wish I could help you find a suitable place. To me the main objection to the Hudson River valley is the heat.

No man's good opinion of my Tribune letter on the war could please me more than that of Mr Edison. I am rejoiced to have it. The war is a world tragedy & the thought of it grips me night & day. I pray that I may live to see it end with Germany — her military power — utterly crushed.

I hope you can hold Mr Edison to the 11 o'clock hour for bed time. My hour is 9. & it keeps me in working trim. I trust the boys are well & Madeline also. Remember me to her. With cordial greetings to Mr Edison & yourself I am

Faithfully Yours

John Burroughs

[1915]

West Park N.Y.
May 4th.

Dear Mr Edison,

I have just rec'd your telegram of the date, I plan to go to N.Y. Thursday morning reaching there at about 9:30. I have some business at Houghton Mifflin Co - no 16 East 40th street, after which I will come to Orange to your home, reaching there in time for lunch, or as near 12 O'clock as I can. I can spend the afternoon with you & Mr Edison

I go with you to N.Y. in the evening. If Mr Ford is in N.Y. I shall want to go to his hotel after the ceremony, I must return home on Friday P.M.
I shall be delighted to see you & Mr Edison again.
Always Sincerely Yours
John Burroughs

[1916]

Woodchuck Lodge
Roxbury N.Y.
Aug 12

Dear Mrs Edison.

The invitation to go a gipsying with Mr Edison & Mr Ford appeals to me. I have a pure strain of the vagabond in me. I might not be above visiting his mouth & playing the jockey with the former. If you went along to tell fortunes we might pass as a real Gipsy troop. Mr Edison could play the magician & Mr Ford the

me to leave my poor wife in this hour of her feebleness & suffering. You see we have lived together nearly 59 years, & the ties that bind us are like vital adhesions. Where do the boys propose to go? I could join them anywhere on the Hudson, or the Delaware, or the Susquehanna valleys. I like the thought of the white hills, or the hills of Penn, or parts of the Catskills. If Dr Barrus comes next week & gives me his opinion of his Wife's condition, probably I can say definitely yes or no. My own health is very good. With greetings to his Edison & the boys I am

always sincerely Yours
John Burroughs

watch & clock tinker, I do not know about the Firstone. May be he could have an umbrella mender, or best doctor.

Seriously, I see but one thing that might prevent me joining the roving band, & that is the condition of my wife. She is very feeble & at times a great sufferer, I think she has gained a little since she came here over three weeks ago, but she is doubtful. If Dr Barrus & her sister, Mrs Johnson come before the date you name — & I am sure Dr B. will — & my wife is no worse than she is now, I will go. I wish I could banish those ifs, but I cannot. I think it is highly probable that I can go — though it is hard for

[1917?]

"WOODCHUCK LODGE"
ROXBURY-IN-THE-CATSKILLS
NEW YORK

Aug 6,

Dear Mrs Edison,

My heart leaped up when I opened that basket of fruit, not so much in hunger for the fruit, as in appreciation of the kind thought that prompted the sending of it. It made the eyes of all of us dance in our heads. I was expecting a box of corn from my garden at West Park & the man who brought the basket up to us from the station thought he had the corn, but such corn as that never grew in garden of mine. It was a fine gift & I thank you & Mr Edison from my heart. The flavor of it will be upon my tongue

daily for many days. I have had quite a serious illness, but I am gaining steadily & am almost well again. I have been too young for my years & must henceforth try to keep step with the procession of old men & not try to lead the boys up the mountains as I have been doing. You should see how green & beautiful this country is now, only we are having too much rain & fog. A good auto trip for you & Mr Edison would be up here, some week end. We could house you & feed you nicely. A state road all the way to Roxbury now. I am expecting Mr Ford daily, but he is not a punctual bird. I hope to be here till Oct. With much love to you & Mr Edison & the boys I am Ever sincerely Yours

John Burroughs

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1911-1912

This folder contains correspondence and other documents covering the years 1911-1912, along with one undated item written during the period 1912-1915. Included are drafts in the hand of Thomas Edison of telegrams sent to his wife while she was visiting her dying mother in Akron, Ohio. Also included is a letter pertaining to property owned by Mina Edison at 10 Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. In addition, there are letters from Harvie E. Heitman, the Edison family's agent in Fort Myers, and Adolph Roeder of the New Jersey State Civic Federation.

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Thanking you in advance for any information you may care to give, we are

Very truly yours,
Post & Reese

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How shown, by permit or appointment? .....

Possession? .....

Permission for sign? ..... Gas or Electricity? .....

Mortgage? ..... Rate of Interest? ..... % When due? .....

Expiration of lease? ..... Rented at? .....

Remarks? .....

.....

Name of owner? .....

Address .....

Telephone number .....

Dated ..... 191....

Mina
10 Fifth Ave

UNITED STATES TWO CENTS

MESSRS. POST & REESE

753 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

Ed - Tom - Mina

APR 29 1912

Mina W Edison
Care Mrs Lewis Miller
Akron
Ohio

Banquet passed off satisfactorily -
Didn't go Steubenville Too cold
Every thing right at home, Grace & Mary
in New York & am missing you
more than ever

Thomas.

Sent
APR 29 1912 - 9.15 a.m. Geom

Ed - tom
mina

Mina M Edison
Care Mrs Lewis Miller
Akron Ohio

All right, everything going well
here love to all

Edison

Sent
JUL 2- 1912
W.U.T.Co.
5.20 P.M.

Chg
Rec,

Mrs. T. A. Edison
care Mrs. Lewis Miller
Akron, Ohio.

Everything all right here
I am nearly free of cough
& feeling fine — stay till
Thursday Come to see E

July 8, 1912
W. W. T. & C. Co.

Telegram

Mina M Edison
Care Mrs J Miller
Oak Place
Akron Ohio

Things are progressing
better that I expected
Everybody well —
Love to all —
Edison

SEP 23 1912
W.U.T.Co. 5.28 P.M. Gary

Ed Tom Mina

Sept. 28-1912

Mrs Ed

Edison

We are all well, problem more difficult than anticipated. but making good progress

Love to all

Edison

9.55 a.m. W.V.D.C.

DR. HENRY LING TAYLOR,
125 WEST 58TH STREET,
NEW YORK.

CONSULTATION HOURS 9-12 M.
TELEPHONE 2250-COLUMBUS

Oct. 10, 1912

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
West Orange N.J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

On going over my accounts I find that my bill to Mr. Edison for services to Miss Madeleine last January and February has not been paid.

Knowing that Mr. Edison is a very busy man, and that this may have escaped his attention, I take the liberty of addressing you.

After her trip South, Miss Madeleine called to say that she was all right, and I trust that her health and posture remain good.

Very sincerely yours,
H. L. Taylor

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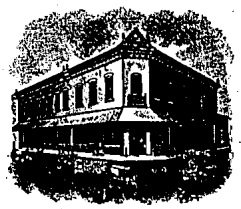

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Ft. Myers, Fla.

Nov. 23, 1912.

Mrs. T. A. Edison,
Glenmont, Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

Your letter of the 19th inst. received enclosing copy of your letter to the Department of Fisheries together with their blanks to be filled out. I will fill these out to the best of my ability. You will note that it is necessary to have a Congressman or Senator of this State endorse this application. It happens that our Senator Fletcher was down here a short time ago and I took him down and showed him over your place so I believe he will be glad to do what he can for you in the premises. After I have secured his signature I will forward the blank to you for you to send direct to Washington.

Do doubt you will be suprised to learn of the death of Mr. Flowerree. He passed away at Atlanta, Ga., last evening. He had been quite ill and Mrs. Flowerree brought him there three weeks ago, hoping the lower altitude would help him. She wrote me a letter which I received yesterday saying that he had been unconscious for the past ten days and they did not think it possible he could recover, so his death was not unexpected. They will leave tomorrow for Helena, where the remains will be interred. The funeral will be held there next Thursday.

I hope this finds you and all the members of your family in good health, and with kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Most truly yours,

H. E. Heitman

Orange, N. J., Dec. 13, 1912.

Department of Commerce and Labor,
Bureau of Fisheries,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 11th inst., and with particular reference to your note, which reads:

"As the above fish will be delivered during the coming Summer, it will be necessary to have name of your agent to whom notice of such delivery can be sent."

I beg to state in this connection that notice should be sent to Mr. H. E. Heitman, Fort Myers, Florida.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter,

I am,

Yours very truly,

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The President and Secretary of the Federation are ex-officio members of all committees.

It will be nice possible for Mr. Edison may be deafness but our brothers, Theodore and Charles are a good team. Tom is office.

December 27, 1912

My dear Mr. Edison:-

The Civics Club has taken a decided stand with reference to political appointments made or to be made by the Orange Common Council. It has sent an imperative demand that no political appointments be made hereafter, and that no official be removed except for cause.

In order to keep in touch with the situation, it is absolutely necessary that some members of the Civics Club, residing in Orange, be present at the Council meetings, which take place about twice a month.

Will you kindly let me knoe whether you can serve in this work occasionally, to be called upon by the chairman of the committee formed for that purpose, even if a point has to be strained to do it.

This is the time when such action is imperatively demanded, and I am relying implicitely upon the help of our members. Kindly let me know at your earlies convenience whether you can serve.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours

Adolph Roeder
per M

Dictated but not read

[Con. 1912-1915]

I am not a regular visitor, but can write a letter if invited by Union Street Church, Montclair N.J.

Dear Mr. Townsend,

I hope you will pardon if I am in any way intruding upon you. But I am told that you and Mr. Edison are personal friends of the Townsend, the Representative of Montclair in Congress, and I wondered if you

(1)

would be kind enough to help my boy who is trying to find a straight appointment for West Point. —

Bruce has a Presidential appointment but finds that he has not mastered his mathematics sufficiently to give him any hope of winning a Presidential. The Presidentials are competitive, very stiff,

(2)

and only the nine top ones can secure a nomination. —
The Principal of Bunce's School where he has been for the last eighteen months was he that he could pass a Congressional or Naval appointment — these latter not being competitive. — In order to secure a Congressional appointment one must live in the same district as the Congressman to whom one applies. — They are mostly obtained through personal influence in all cases. —
Mr Dutton, Principal of the High School here, has told me that he thinks he has given two of his appointments to High School boys but that if properly approached by some one he would probably be glad to give to the son of an Army Officer, an

appointment as Alternate.
Mr Dutch tells me that the two boys here are not specially fitted and that Bruce has a fair chance. —
Would you be kind enough to help the boy in securing this appointment? We would both be very grateful. Bruce has worked hard, and I know made a many friends

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sacrifices to give him this chance.—

The only other way in which I could possibly obtain one is through the Speaker of the House who knows all Congressmen and could find out which of them Hile has a vacancy.— The opportunities come in bunches.

Anything you can do for Brown in this matter, I shall highly appreciate.

I hope you are well and with kindest remembrances to Mr Edison and Madeleine,

Believe me always
Sincerely Yours
Adele C. Dalford.—

P.S. The line is Mr Fassett's district.

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Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1913

This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1913, along with undated items that were probably generated in 1913. Included is correspondence between Mina Edison and her siblings regarding the estate of their mother, Mary Valinda Miller, who died in October 1912. Also included are letters from John G. MacVicar, headmaster of Monclair Academy, concerning the progress of Mina's son, Theodore. In addition, there is correspondence with Arthur E. Bestor, president of the Chautauqua Institution, and George W. Rowland, superintendent, relating to the Miller family's investment in the Chautauqua Hotel Co. An exchange of letters with Harvie E. Heitman, the Edison family's agent in Fort Myers, deals with the stocking of black bass in estuaries near the Edison home. A letter from Mina's niece, Rachel Miller, announces the death of her uncle Stanley Igoe. Other correspondents include Rev. Oscar B. Close of the Anti-Saloon League of New Jersey, New York City civic leader Robert E. Ely, U.S. Senator William Hughes, and longtime Edison associate T. Commerford Martin.

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NEW YORK, January 8, 1913.

Mrs. T. A. Edison
Glenmont
Orange, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:-

Please note the enclosed circulars with regard to the annual meeting of the American Museum of Safety when your husband will receive one of the gold medals. This is the first time that the Rathenau medal has been presented in this country and as Dr. Rathenau is a personal friend of Mr. Edison's, we have been most anxious to secure your husband's presence on that occasion. I gather however that he is extremely busy and not likely to make an exception even in our favor, much to our bitter disappointment. The officers have been talking the matter over and as Chairman of the Executive Committee I am authorized to ask if you would not do us the favor of yourself being present to receive the medal on behalf of Mr. Edison. This would only take a minute or so and would not place you under any embarrassment, or necessity of spoken acknowledgement unless you so wished, and would give the éclat to the occasion which we wish to secure for it. We feel that Dr. Rathenau himself would be disappointed when he learned that we had had to hand out this beautiful medal, when awarded for the first time, to some subordinate, but if you were to be there it would give a graceful touch to the affair and I am sure greatly please Dr. Rathenau.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will let me hear from you and if you will kindly accept our suggestion, believe me, with regards,

~~Yours truly,~~

T. Martin

Chairman Executive Committee.

MONTCLAIR ACADEMY
MONTCLAIR, N.J.

JOHN G. MacVICAR, A.M.
HEADMASTER

I should come to see you any time

January 17, 1913

My dear Mrs. Edison:

Would you be so kind as to let me know how much time Theodore devotes to the preparation of his French? Mr. Jewett tells me he has placed on the board some French sentences with the request that Theodore commit them to memory and recite them the following day. Either he neglects the assignment or his memory is very faulty.

I feel that Theodore has a bright mind and is thoroughly capable in every respect and we simply wish to get from him the maximum result of which he is capable.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Yours sincerely,

J. G. MacVicar

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NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 24, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:-

Replying to your letter dated December 27th, but not received by us until December 31st, regarding Miss Emelia Peck of 561 Orange Street, we would say that our Visitor called upon her on January 2nd and she told the following story:

She stated that years ago she worked as a maid in your home for about six months and after that kept house for her brother-in-law, Thomas Conroy, who was your coachman for many years. When he married the second time, she made a home for a nephew and remained with him until 1900 when she was placed in the Essex County Insane Asylum. After remaining there nine years, this nephew took her from the Asylum and since then she has tried to be self-supporting but has found it very difficult.

Mr. Hollenbeck, who wrote the letter of appeal to you, was interested in her because she had lived with a woman in the same house, caring for her child, and he suggested writing to you. The woman stated that she could remain for a time longer with Mrs . Waldron for whom she formerly worked, and our Visitor decided that that was the best thing for her to do until her relatives could be seen. We will do this as speedily as possible and report to you further regarding the case.

Very truly yours,

BUREAU OF ASSOCIATED CHARITIES,

(Miss) Persis Rodgers.
Asst. Supt.

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P 1913 Edison, T.A. - Family

MRS. ROBERT A. MILLER

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PONCE, P. R.
21 ALLEN STREET
SAN JUAN, P. R.

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 9th, 1913.

Dearest Aunt Mina:

Mother has told me about you r lovely thought for me in the valentine line.. Now I think that I can get up some little heart shaped ones in red and white with odd sayings on them for from five to seven cents a piece.. I will try and have as many different as possible and I hope that you will like them.. If you think that you don't care for them could you let me know tomorrow some time? If I don't hear from you then may I understand that you do want them and then I can have them out there for you either Thursday or early Friday.

Last night at two o'clock we received word that my Uncle Stanley had passed away at nine twenty five and so Mother has gone on out there today. She leaves at four. Poor Darling it is a hard trip , but I can see how she feels about going. Then too she will go and see my other Uncle in Louisville .. He is in a very serious condition and she may never see him again.. Uncle Stanley 's death is very sudden as we knew nothing about his illness. Mother will reach there tomorrow at ten. I hate to have her take that long trip all alone with her sorrow, but it is an expensive trip and then this end has to be looked after so that neither of us can go with her..

Thank you for my button of Uncle Thomas's. I know that you must all have had a lovely day together and we thought of you all often. This morning I attended to your basket for Miss Kuhns.. I didn't know how much you cared to put into it and so I did the best that I could.. I told them to fill it with Spring flowers and those consist of roses and jonquils and about four other varieties. It sounded very pretty and he said that it wouldbe. They varied from six on up and I couldn't see much difference and so I told him to send that six dollar one.. I hope that that was O.K.

I must leave you. Give my love to all and keep a whole load for your own dear self. You talk as if you thought that I didn't love you, but I know that in your holy of holy's you know that I do even though I am not good at expressing it. Mother sends her love.

Rachel.

Telephoned to come on after Sat for lunch.

Feb. 1913.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Edison

I am in New York and on Friday is the birthday of Professor Edison. I send my best congratulations - and wishes for many, many, more years of health and happiness -

Is there any prospect
of your coming to
Geneva soon?
Don't forget me if
you come abroad
I hope to go to
Oranges one day
before building and
will hope to see you
I will telephone
today I send you
both congratulations
and best wishes
for many years
to be Celebrated
on this date -

Yours Very Sincerely
Nathalie A. Smedley

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CONSUMERS LEAGUE OF NEW JERSEY
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TELEPHONE 6226 MARKET

Mrs.Edison,
West Orange, N.J.

My dear Mrs.Edison,

There must have been something wrong with our connection, Sunday because I could scarcely hear your voice.

I sent my preceding letter to Mr.Edison, addressed to your home address. Even under those circumstances, would it be taken to his laboratory ? Has it not fallen into your hands yet?

In that latter, I asked that Mr.Edison state that he believes in the IO HOURS LAW FOR WOMEN, if he does so believe. This statment signed by him will be very powerful in bringing other states into line. And I ask it not only for the women of these other states, but because I feel that it is absolutely unfair for our business interests here in New Jersey to be forced to work under conditions different than those of their competitors directly across the river. Wilmington, Delaware is so near at our southern extremity, that this constitutes a real problem.

I am going to Delaware to help them get this IO hours law tomorrow, Wednesday the 26th. Will you mail to me addressed to % Miss Margaret Sherman, 7th and Clayton Street,s Wilmington Delaware, whatever Mr.Edison cares to say on this subject. And may I beg that you enable me to have it for use just as soon as possible/ I need it Thursday or Friday of this week, very badly.

Thanking you for whatever assistance you can give me,

Yours truly,

Alice Jaynes, Sec'y.

Feb 25th.

I dont know anything about Miss Jaynes. Nuisance I should say. Mina

MONTCLAIR ACADEMY
MONTCLAIR, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

Theodore was complaining last week of a pain in his side. I hope that it has not developed unfavorably.

I feared this might be the case as he is absent today.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. MacVicar.

Thank for interest and say thanks not very sick.

March the tenth
Nineteen thirteen

Telegram —

Mina M Edison

Care Grace Miller

Akron Ohio

Everything all right here

Love to all & a happy

Easter

Edison

Sent 3/29/13

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Tuesday morn
9.30 - here at
Glenmont -

Newark, N. J.,
April 16, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Llewellyn Park,

West Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:-

I am doing some special work for the Anti-Saloon League of New Jersey, and desire a brief conference with you, relative to a phase of the work in which I am sure you are interested.

Will you do me the kindness to inform me when and where it will suit your convenience to see me relative to the matter?

Thanking you in advance for an early reply, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

O. B. Close.

OBC/ AMF

April 1913

April 19th, 1913.

Mr. O. B. Close,

Anti-Saloon League of N. J.

16 Clinton St.,

Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of April 16th, I beg t to advise you that you can meet me at my home at Llewellyn Park, on Tuseday morning at 9.30 oclock..

Yourevery truly,

4 23 13 170 Lakeside ave Orange

Mrs Thomas A. Edison Dear Madam

Please Permit me to Call your attention to the fact I have worked Seven Years in Mr Edisons Shop under Mr Nair & have never had any trouble With Him ... I was laid off last fall when work was Slack & applied again & Got work under Mr Cook & this was all well untill He Cut the wages on Some 15c & on 16 of us 35c the men which were Cut 35c would not work & forced me to leave my work by threatening .... Some of the men got back but I could not under Mr Cook, So I applyed for work under Mr McClain & got it after I had worked there in the Battery Depart 2 weeks Mr Cook Passed through & saw me working for Mr McClain & made Him discharge me & I have no work & my family cannot get along and are in want on account of Mr Cook, if anyone treated Him with such Insolence without cause. I refer to Mr Nair who is a Gentleman to Prove what I say is true

Hoping you will Kindly Investigate & oblige George Apostle

EDWARD B. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

My dear Mina — June 4/13.

I received a letter from Mr O.F. Miller ~~the other~~ day at your request enclosing a Union Pacific R.R. bond for $500.00 (which I acknowledge) and stated that it had been transferred from Mary V. Miller to me. Of course, as there was no such bond on the list of mothers estate when it was appraised, I am curious to know when and how mother came in possession of them.

How is the Dr's Hospital proposition coming on? Just enlighten me a little bit please & oblige

Sincerely Edward —

Mr T.A. Edison
Orange N.J.

June 6-1913

My dear Edward - When mother had her insurance money matter settled years ago she wanted that each should have a little, so she then gave John, Mary & Grace the bulk of it and remunerated each of the rest of us with a bond for five hundred dollars - As it had already been given, Mr. McGregor thought it should not be included in the appraisement - At that time it was given under the understanding that mother was to have the income from the whole amount so long as she lived - which was done.

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The Lafayette

Portland, Maine June 8, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:-

The identity of the writer is perhaps non essential in the purpose of this letter but I might add that I had the pleasure of meeting you one Sunday afternoon about three months ago when I called at your residence to obtain your signature on an opposition list to a saloon grant at Harrison & Eagle Rock Avenues.

I have been more or less engaged in working against saloons in West Orange for the last year or so, and was somewhat instrumental in having the license of one Michael J. Hunt blocked for

renewal.

It is in behalf of this same Michael J. Hehir that I am writing you. Personally I never spoke to Mr. Hehir until a few days ago when I was home on a visit. I found out that since Hehir's license was revoked that he has had no income whatsoever and is practically destitute. He is a married man & has a large family & has furthermore been very ill just recently, so all in all has been quite overwhelmed with troubles.

When I heard about his plight I called on him & had a good straight talk with him. I told him I was just as much opposed as ever to saloon keepers who kept breaking the law & that I had acted against his place not because I had anything against him personally but because he persisted in breaking the law & ran a vile den generally.

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Portland, Maine

Mr. Hunt told me that all his life he had practically attended bar or ran a saloon, which fact has hampered him quite considerably in obtaining work in any other capacity. I was able to give him a small check to help him out temporarily, but as I am far from being wealthy myself you can rest assured that my check will not take him very far. I also promised Mr. Hunt I would try & get him a job, & that to make a long story short is why I have written you. It occurred to me that as the wife of a man who employs so many men you might possibly be able to find him a place somewhere in the works

where skilled labor is not a necessity.

You may for all I know be overwhelmed with just such appeals as mine, but I felt confident when I wrote that yours was a benevolent disposition & that you would help if you could.

Michael J. Kent lives on Lakeside Avenue near Watchung Ave, in case you are able to aid him or wish to enquire further into his case.

Trusting you will understand the motive which prompted this letter, and desiring that you drop me a card if you are unable to help this man, believe me to be

Very truly yours,

Alexander Gordon

Hotel Lafayette,
Portland, Me.

J. E. MURPHY,
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

THE PORTAGE
AKRON, OHIO

ABSOLUTELY FIREPROOF

H. S. McDONNELL,
SECY & ASST MGR.

Thursday -

AKRON, O., June 1 193

My dear Mina dear —

Mary & I are waiting here for the horse from the house to go to see about the Fair Ground bridges — Both bridges were taken down by the flood & cut off our Spring there. We were not needing it at the time but will have to be going there again soon. We stopped here from Julia Hower's where we were this morning to play tennis & take lunch. We are going to Mrs. Frank Seiberling's for dinner at quarter of six and then

a lawn fete at Mrs Galt's for the benefit of the Babies' Aid — a branch of the Mary Day Nursery.

In answer to the telegram about the check of Star Paving Mill not being ~~also~~ honored I went immediately to the Mill & they said to keep on presenting it & hold it there as the funds would be put ~~there~~. They have promised the second payment right along & I feel sure they are intending to pay it. Don't give them dates as to last payments etc. as I am verifying the few dates I have by asking them to show their old checks as receipts. They may owe more — I have not followed it up much since Mary has been here. I am required to D. W. other things for selling the stock

J. E. MURPHY,
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

THE PORTAGE
AKRON OHIO

ABSOLUTELY FIREPROOF

H. S. McDONNELL,
SECY & ASST MGR.

AKRON, O., _____ 19....

They have sent me from Chicago the address of the place to write. Gus is here with the horse. So good bye. Elmer gets married Sunday — and is not working the next few days —

Much love Mina dear & thanks for your invitation Dan counting on seeing you at Monhegan where I hope we can make connections — I suppose things are gay in Orange. More another time Sam to John

Fedelmore — very
dear to me.
Grace.

Oak Place

My dear Miss Dean —

I am enclosing an application blank which they now say you must fill out in order to get the stock. Certainly seeing this Mr. stock is hopeless — I recently found I had to have this through the transfer agents in Chicago who wrote me after a few days' delay — Claire App directed me to do as I did after I got the first papers the D. M. required. Would it be possible for your lawyer to make the assertion for us that there is no inheritance tax ~~involved~~ in Ohio other than collateral and that is not involved. Have him give acceptable evidence that the inheritance tax authorities of Ohio have been fully satisfied — I think tho' I'd better get this of John McGregor. Claire App told me to put the papers in to have them transferred to my name if that went — through all right we could sell it easily — So that is the way it is started now & this application perhaps would be best worded that way when you sign it. Your lawyer could fix the wording of the printed matter if necessary. I just telephoned the Judge again to see if it would be necessary he says no — So just sign

and fix it up as it is — The stock is appraised higher than it now stands but the judge said he would allow it to go through and the one who filled out this application in pencil to show you what line to follow would have put the amount down to the present day's stock quotations if we had known the price. The pencil mating is merely to show you how it should be worded —

There ~~would be~~ is a great deal that I could write to you but I have not the time this dear — I am full of plans for our amusement over the fourth besides considerable business — I had invited people here to visit over the fourth so it was impossible to run to you as I should love to do if many things did not hold me here — I was planning for some friends of Sevie's too. We are going down on the lawn with the Green's. a picnic noon day lunch and a 3-5 tea as a bungalow warming at her place. Mrs. Theo Adam's at 5 P.M. for the evening. etc.

Tell Mary if you see her that her box is now started & in the right direction. Much love to each & everyone

Dear, I'm the star Planing Miss finally made the check good — I am keeping it at the rate but it is trying again now I'm about 100 animals late. write you about Tuesday. I'm on her way to Detroit — Celia telephones

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Chautauqua, New York,
July 2, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
West Orange,
New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I understand that there is a possibility of your spending a week or two at Chautauqua this summer. We sincerely hope so. Your interest I know in Chautauqua is as great as ever and there are a good many changes which we are making each year.

I enclose herewith a season pass. Please let me know whether any of the members of your family are coming with you as we should be glad to extend this same courtesy to them.

Cordially yours,

Arthur E Bestor

Thank them & say Mr. John Miller may come with me.

Orange, N. J.,
July 17, 1913.

Hon. William Hughes,
Senate Chamber,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The New Jersey Audobon Society, of which I am a member, has brought to my attention the fact that in the amendment to the Plumage Clause in the Tariff Act recommended by the Finance Committee provision is made for the importation of feathers "of birds commonly recognized as edible or pestiferous", and as no definite rules are laid down as to which birds are "edible or pestiferous", it would seem as if the Plumage Clause in the Tariff Act will be practically nullified by the above amendment.

I am most anxious that the Plumage Clause should be passed in the form in which it was adopted by the House, and earnestly request that you reverse your decision in this matter and endeavor to have the same adopted without amendment.

Yours very truly,

Orange, N. J.,
July 17, 1913.

Hon. James E. Martin,
Senate Chamber,
Washington, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FISHERIES
WASHINGTON

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
COMMISSIONER OF FISHERIES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 21, 1913.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your application for black bass to stock Yellow Fever Creek at Fort Myers, Florida, there is enclosed herewith copy of a letter from the Bureau's messenger who recently endeavored to deliver the fish. You will note that your agent, Mr. H. E. Heitman, refused to receive the black bass, and your application has therefore been canceled.

Very truly yours,

H. M. Smith

Commissioner.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

Enclosure.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Copy

Bullochville, Ga., Jul9 19, 1913.

Commissioner of Fisheries,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is application covering fish for Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, Fort Myers, Fla.

I arrived Fort Myers at 10:25 P. M. Wed. July 16. and no one met the train for fish. I went to Mr. H. E. Heitman's residence, waked him and informed him of arrival of fish. He said that he had received the telegram 24 hours prior to my arrival, but that he understood that the express company was handling them and would care for them until A. M. of the 18th. He also said that he could not work with fish at that hour of the night so would leave them on my hands. I had been up with them 33 hours, could hire no one to stay with them, so made a Bureau plant of them in the Caloosahatchee River near Fort Myers.

Respectfully,

Henry B. Worth

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Mr H E Hitman

Mrs Edison has received word from the Commissioner of Fisheries at Washington DC that his messenger went to your residence with information of the arrival of the black bass to stock the creek at Fort Myers and that you refused to work with the fish at that hour of the night and in consequence her application has been cancelled. She feels very badly about this and would like some explanation from you

Yours very truly

Secretary

West Orange, N. J. July 23, 1913.

Mr. Edward B. Miller,

Akron, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find check for $477.50, in payment on one $500.00 Union Pacific Railroad Bond.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

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1913

TAE
- Family
- Miller, Ira

Aug 19. 1913

Dear Mina:-

Ora tells me you have not found the 50 shares Chautauqua Hotel Stock yet. I am sure Mary can tell you all about this along about 1902 Mr. Bradley and Mary fixed up some matters at the 1st Nat'l Bank Akron at this time these 50 shares were there as collateral and now what Mary & Bradley did with the stock Mary should know Atty Bradley being now dead. See if Mary does not recall this and if not ask her if they have taken up all the papers from Bradley & Rowley Office if not the stock may be there yet. I have not got the stock & will do all I can to help find it. Let me hear from you after talk with Mary - Ora behind it with her all trouble - otherwise all over here - Love to you all there

Ira M.

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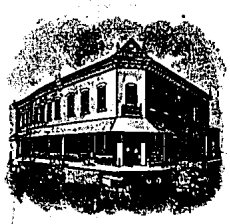

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CAPITAL STOCK $30,000.00.

Ft. Myers, Fla.

Sept. 15, 1913.

Mr. H. F. Miller,
% Mr. T. A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 8th reached here during my absence on my summer vacation, from which I have just returned.

In regard to the fish spawn which the Department sent to stock the creeks in this vicinity at the request of Mrs. Edison, they sent these from the hatchery located at Millidgeville, Ga. One lot was shipped last April and the man in charge of them took the wrong train and landed at St. Petersburg instead of Fort Myers, consequently that lot was lost, so far as we are concerned.

When they started out with the second lot they wired me the fish would reach here on the night train, which is due here at 10:35. I had receptacles ready for them and all arrangements made to take them to different points at five o'clock the following morning, - the nights were dark at that time and it was impossible to get anyone to attempt to take them and carry them to the different creeks in the middle of the night. It happened that the night these fish came in the train did not get here until nearly twelve o'clock. The Government employee in charge of them came to my house about 12:30, told me he had just arrived with the fish spawn and that they would have to be put in the water within two hours if they were to be saved. He said he had been up forty-eight hours with them, giving them air every twenty minutes during all that time and that he was all in and could stand it no longer. I offered to find someone to relieve him, but he said the work would require an experienced man and of course it was impossible then to get anyone to attempt to carry the fish to these various creeks, all of which were from two to five miles from Fort Myers. I explained this to him and he understood me thoroughly. The trouble was we had no instructions whatever from the Government except that we must have receptacles ready for so many gallons of fish and these were on hand at the specified time and of course if the

man in charge of them could have held out until morning the fish spawn would then have been placed where we had planned to put them. However, I do not think the fish were a total loss by any means, as they were placed in the Caloosahatchee River right at Fort Myers and he thought a great many of them would live and propagate in the main river, so we should get some results from this after all.

I do not know of anything else we could have done under the circumstances and you may rest assured that any request made by Mrs. Edison will always have our very best attention. I half expected that the Government employee would attempt to shift the blame on us in order to relieve himself, but I think you will understand from the above that we were not to blame for the miscarriage of his plans.

With kindest regards and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Edison, I am,

Very truly yours,

H. E. Hartman

September 23rd, 1913.

Mrs. Adolph Petter,

202 Pantages Building,

Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of Sept. 14th, beg. to advise you that Mr. Edison has now completely recovered from his illness. Thank you for the interest you have shown toward Mr. Edison.

Yours very truly,

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

Oct. 3. 1913

Dear Mina:—

Just a few words to you to let you know that Ora is doing nicely and all bids well for her being about again with us in few days. Her condition for the last year or so has just been downward right along & the situation became such that some radical change must be made and thus another doctor and with same a new diagnosing of the case. The doctor thought Ora might continue always with her trouble but that it would be a poor way to live when with such a slight operation all might be made right. She was anxious to be well and she thus braced herself up to operation which was performed by Doctors Todd & McDonald local people with special nurse from Hospital and all did their work well. The details Mary can give you

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

soon when she sees you. Ora is up a little today walks a little and is feeling quite fine and soon we are all thankful will be himself again. Oh and we all wish to thank you for handsome flower arrangement and also for your most thoughtful invitation to visit you. Just now it would not be prudent for him to venture from home but he thanks you and some day will want to make you the visit. The rest of us are all well and send our love to you and the family. Have seen but very little of Mary while here as I have been quite busy and away from home always when she called and when I was at Oak Place to many for me to get much of a talk with her. We may go to Chautauqua together tomorrow when we can improve visiting time well. Charley & Clara Lambert called at my house Cupla weeks ago They have not been in Akron for some Thirty

you and could hardly remember the place — They were taking an Auto-trip from Grand Rapids Mich through to the New England States and may make a call on you — They were very nice and wish to be re-remembered to you

Nina did you ever find all the Chautauqua Stock Cfs? I will try trace matters up a little while at Chautauqua Tuesday —

What are the prospects of your getting the Estate matters settled soon I would like to get my affairs (Note re) fix up with you so I may know where I stand. If I have anything coming to me I could use it now nicely as we would like to get few new things for the new little house we move into soon. To dirty-noisy re for life in East Market and thus the change.

Time you were coming on again to visit Akron. If you don't come the town will go mad beyond you — Yours Affectionately

Ira

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receives, he finds that his place at the table is No. 64 which from the plan he can find easily.

Each of the guest also received a little box of sweets, and I am requested by Mr. de Fodor to send you two examples of the same, which will go away today.

Mr. de Fodor has, I may mention, spoken several times about you and the Major, and asked me if I thought you would, that is, Mr. Oeser also, accept an invitation to come here.

Please let me know if you are still living, as I have not received any news from you ever so long. Just a card with a few words.

FRANCIS JEHL
BUDAPEST

Budapest Oct 15/13
VII Kazinczy u. 19

My dear Mrs Oeser:-

No doubt you received the clipping of the Pester Lloyd that I sent you the other day. The dinner that Mr de Fodor gave was a very grand affair, and was attended by some 170 guests, including some of the most brilliant men of Hungary. I enclose you a copy of the Menu and the order of the places at the table. This I may mention, is an idea that Mr. de Fodor conceived, and proved very useful. For instance in the copy that I send you, and which, say, Mr Brody

Mr. Williams of the N.Y. Edison Co, has sent me a letter in which he states that he is very glad to send you a copy of his book.

Hoping you and the Major are in good health, and with the kindest regards and sincerest wishes, I remain,

Yours ever

Francis Jehl

Eichwald-on-the-Rhine
21-10-13

My dear Mina – Just as I was about to throw this letter in the paper basket, it occured to me that perhaps it might be of interest to you, as it shows what our friends in Budapest are doing. Old Mr. Jehl is a good and faithful friend and is always showing me all sorts of kindnesses. If I had eaten all the sweets which have come from that direction mostly through from Mr. von Fodor, I could earn my living in a very easy going way as fat lady in some circus. I have almost given up hopes of ever hearing from home again. What has become of the letter which you promised to write me so many months ago? I wrote you a long letter, then you wrote a few words simply to console me, saying you would write a letter as soon as you could find the time. Oscar is quite inconsolable that Madeleine has not even written as much as a card since we parted in Paris. Our visit together there was very unsatisfactory for I was miserable from nights and nights of sleeplessness. Oscar was astonished to hear from a friend that the papers stated that Madeleine had been married. I do not believe that you would overlook us in such a family matter, especially as you know what a lot of talk there was because Father was in Luzern and did not come to Mülhausen. Oscars joins in love to all and hopes with me that you will soon find time to write us a letter. Affec. Manon

Mr. Frederick Miller
119 College Ave.
Northfield - Minn.

A year ago we lost our
blessed mother and now your
precious mother is called. We
regret not being with you on Sunday but
will be in spirit. We all send
love & sympathy. Mina.

Sent Nov. 3-1913 - 9.25 P.M.
Night Letter

Rec'd 11/8/13

HEADMASTER'S STUDY

November
fourth
Nineteen thirteen

My dear Mrs. Edison:

We see a change coming over Theodore. He is older, more self-reliant, is mixing better with the boys and I look for most satisfactory progress during the year.

It pleases me when I see him kicking the football.

Next month, I hope there will not be any standing lower than B on his card.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. MacVicar

Theodore's report is very gratifying to us and [illegible] hope with you that Coach [illegible] will show improvement in every [illegible]

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November 7, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Edison:-

Mrs. Ely and I remember with a great deal of pleasure meeting you through our mutual friend, Mrs. Walston Brown, at the Annual Luncheon of the League for Political Education when Mr. Marconi spoke a year ago last April. Since then we have hoped, as we shall continue to do, to have the opportunity of seeing more of you.

I write now to ask if it would be possible to get permission for a young friend of ours, Walter C. Dexter of Mattapoisett, Mass. to visit Mr. Edison's wonderful works for the opportunity of seeing whatever is shown to visitors? Mr. Dexter is a young man of twenty-five or thirty years of age. He lives in the little New England village on Buzzard's Bay where we have our summer home. He is the all-round genius of the place and can repair anything from a piano to an automobile. He is particularly interested in everything related to electricity and knows so much about these matters that it would be a very rare treat to him to visit Llewellyn Park. Mrs. Ely and I like him so much personally and are so sure that an opportunity like this I mention would be keenly appreciated by him and mean a great deal to him, that I am venturing to make this request in his behalf. He will come to New York from Mattapoisett for this purpose, if the permission I ask can be granted him.

There may be some good reason why Mr. Edison may hesitate to grant this opportunity and if so we shall perfectly understand it. I hope very much that this request will not cause you or him any inconvenience.

Mrs. Ely joins me in sending kindest regards.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

Robert Erskine Ely

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park, N. J.

Spokane Wash:- Nov-20-1913.

Mrs T. A. Edison:-

Orange. N. J.

Dear Madam:-

Pardon me for writing to you, but I have written two letters to Mr Edison about my discoveries and sent him a sample of Mercury that transmutted from copper. A gentleman told me yesterday that Mr Edison never received any letters from people that the Secretary read them and that Mr Edison never saw them so I concluded to write to you.

Now I know I have discoveries that will greatly help Mr Edison I actually can change copper into Pure Mercury and I have discovered that Mercury and Carbon are the Primal elements of all Life. I sent him one of my books "Carbon - Life. Mercury - Life." Not receiving no answer from him concluded he never received my book or letters.

Now Mrs Edison as a woman to a woman I ask you to kindly say that Mr Edison understand that I have actually

knowledge that he would like to know. I hear that he is anxious to know why it is that a voice will not vibrate unless in a direct direction. If this is true I can explain the cause. I can greatly help him as to causes of natural phenomena in which he is puzzled over. He understand the Mechanical Laws and understand the Physical Laws and the Two combining the Result will be marvelous. Will you kindly see that he reads this letter. I am not saying or asserting any problem I can not do.

Thanking you for your kindness in advance, I remain.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Barnard Wilke.

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December 1, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Edison:-

I have received your letter of November 26 in which you say it would be more convenient for you if Mr. Dexter would come a week or two later than on the dates I mentioned.

I am suggesting to him, therefore, that he make his visit two weeks later, on either December 16, 17, 18 or 19. Will you be so kind as to choose whichever of these dates would be likely to suit your convenience best, unless you find that some other time than during that week would be still better?

Mrs. Ely and I greatly appreciate your kindness and only desire to have the opportunity given Mr. Dexter cause you the least possible trouble.

Believe me, with kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

Robert Erskine Ely

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park, N. J.

John MacGregor Jr Cleveland Trust Co Cleveland Ohio

Have I power as executrix to sell Goodrich stock at market price to pay debts of estate without consent of heirs or Court. Answer quickly.

Maria M Edison.

Sept. 17/13

TIFFANY & CO.
FIFTH AVENUE & 37TH STREET
NEW YORK

December 3, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Madam:-

Mr. Kunz requests us to inform you that the time is getting very short in which to make the case you spoke of; in fact, it may be almost impossible to execute the order in time. Can you send the medals?

We can make the glass into a very pretty panel. As the color is good it would seem better to fit it with rings and a chain, so that it could be hung against the light. To do this would cost approximately $35.00. Kindly advise us regarding same.

Awaiting your pleasure, we are,

Very respectfully,

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Answer

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December 8, 1913.

Dear Mrs. Edison:-

Our friend, Mr. Dexter, will be delighted to come on the day you suggest, namely, Decemver 18. Will you kindly have directions sent as to just where and at what hour he should present himself?

With hearty thanks, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Robert E. Ely

2 o'clock

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park, N. J.

December 12th, 1913.

Mr Robert E. Ely,
21 W. 44th St.,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of Dec. 8th relative to your friend Mr. Dexter, beg to advise you that he can call at the Laboratory about 2 oclock on Dec. 18th. He can leave Hoboken for Orange on the 1.03 which will bring him at the Orange station about 1.35, ~~on arriving at Orange he boards~~ a car going west on Main St. that will take him to the Laboratary entrance which is about ten min'uts ride from the station.

Yours very truly,

C/H.

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Letter was addressed to Mr. Edison and sent through the usual formalities as adopted in reading mail. I can find not what the Chairman of the girls wanted to do

December 20, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Edison,

The Consumers League of New Jersey is making a special investigation in regard to the hours and wages of women, as related to their cost of living, with a view to presenting the facts thus obtained to the legislature of New Jersey, in order to secure a State Industrial Welfare Commission.

It will not be difficult to obtain this information, as most of the young women who are employed in the various industries are connected with the Settlement.

Are you willing to be one of a committee to obtain the neccessary information in the Oranges ? This committee will meet at the Social Settlement on Friday, January 2nd., at 11:30 o'clock.

The monthly meeting of the Auxiliary Board will be held on that date at 10:15, and you are cordially invited to be present.

Very truly yours,

Adaie Crommelin.

The Christmas Festival will be celebrated on Dec. 21st. at 8 P.M. When the parents are invited - & on Dec. 22nd at 4 P.M. for the Children - "The Nativity Play" with appropriate

Music - (String Quartette) will be presented by
the Children on both occasions -
We would be so glad to have you come
either time. Yours &c -
A. Rosenwald.

THE LEAGUE FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION
23 WEST 44TH STREET, NEW YORK

December 21, 1913

Dear Mrs. Edison:

The visit Mr. Dexter and I made to Mr. Edison's works last Thursday neither of us will ever forget. It was an experience which will always be memorable. I received impressions which ever since have produced a state of mental inspiration.

To say that we thank you for your hospitality is to use words far too poor to be adequate. It meant far more to me to see what we saw in your and your daughter's company, than could have been the case otherwise, and the courtesy shown us on every side we appreciated in the highest degree. That added to everything else, we met and conversed with Mr. Edison was an unhoped for privilege. He seems to me the greatest creative genius in his field of our times. It was also a piece of good fortune to meet Mr. Orville Wright.

Mrs. Ely asks me to thank you with all her heart for your very kind invitation. Nothing would give her greater pleasure than to accept it and come to see you, possibly with some of the children, as you so kindly suggested, some time next spring after you return from the South when it would be perfectly convenient for you.

We are mailing you a photograph of the three older children just taken which we think one of the best. The fourth, the new-comer, who has been with us only three weeks, is still too tiny (and active!) a maiden to have her picture taken yet.

We would be delighted if you and Miss Edison could give us the pleasure of being our guests, if possible at Percy MacKaye's Masque on Feb. 24, but if that is too late a date for you, we shall search for some nearer time when possibly the occasion may have some interest, if you happen to be disengaged. But of this I will write again.

This is not a dictated letter, but hurriedly written on my type=

writer (how much better a one Mr. Edison could invent!) at home, in a haste which I must beg you to pardon.

Believe me, with greetings to Mr. Edison, your daughter and son, and kindest regards to yourself, in which Mrs. Ely joins me,

Most thankfully and sincerely yours,

Robert Erskine Ely

The group photograph which it was so thoughtful of you to promise to have sent to each of us, we shall be delighted to receive. I will send the Dispatch to him.

Tell Mr. Hutchinson not to forget the pictures.

R. E. E.

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Chautauqua, New York.
December 22, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas Edison,
Glenmont, Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

My Dear Mrs. Edison:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 16th and in reply will say that I presume you understand why Mrs. Leslie's property is for sale. She is now ninety-six years old, and is unable to manage a house for herself any longer. She is also very much in need of the proceeds from the cottage for her necessary expenses, so it is thought best by the members of the family to sell, and they of course feel that they would like to get as much as possible for it. It seems to me it would be desirable for you to own this lot in connection with yours, and I believe it was intimated by you or some one of the family, that you wanted a chance when this property was for sale.

Now Mrs. Fleming, who owns the lot next, has also expressed a desire to acquire Mrs. Leslie's cottage, so I should think it would be fair for you to offer as much as you feel you can afford to pay for it, and this will be treated as a sealed bid. I shall ask Mrs. Fleming to do the same. I trust you will see the fairness of this.

As to the description, I will say that the lot is 30 feet wide and 35 feet deep. This is the actual size of the lot, but the people in Miller Park have been allowed to build over their front line, so the building space would be practically 40 feet deep - at any rate it would be the same depth as your lot. As you no doubt know, the cottage is one of the older type and not particularly valuable. The furnishings, of course, are not at all valuable to anyone outside the family. The way property has been selling in this locality, I should think this ought to be worth around $2000.

I sincerely hope that your offer will be such that it will be accepted, and I would suggest that you send it direct to me.

Very truly yours,

G. W. Rowland
Superintendent.

GWR:M.

Inasmuch as you have asked me to give me a clear description of the property, I also if you could arrange to have Mrs. Fleming and Dr. Dunning send in your best offer.

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DEPARTMENT

Dec. 23, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange,
N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

Your inquiry of the 13th in regard to a set of the De Luxe Edition of the Writings of John Burroughs has been referred to me and I take special pleasure in replying as Mr. Burroughs has spoken to me many times regarding the interest you and Mr. Edison have taken in his work. The Autograph Edition of Burroughs' Writings, which is the one to which you refer, was limited to seven hundred and fifty sets and was completely sold at the time of publication. We are however at times, able to secure sets from those of our customers who unfortunately are compelled to dispose libraries and such is the case at the present time. There is on hand here set No. 24. It is bound very attractively in dark blue levant with marble paper sides and the tooling on the back is a plain panel giving the set a very distinctive and dignified appearance.

The first volume contains Mr. Burroughs' signature. The set is in fifteen volumes; the last two volumes, 16 and 17, have just been added to this Edition and we will bind them uniform with the rest of the set. The last sale of a set in three-quarter levant binding was at $362.50. I will however, take great pleasure in quoting you a special price on this set, No. 24, of $340.00 from which a discount of 5% will be allowed for cash, making in all a net price of $323.00. I will be glad to send the volumes now ready to you on approval so that you may look them over and return them if they do not come up to your expectations. I will place this set aside until I hear from you which I trust will be at an early date.

Very sincerely yours,

Albert Houghton Rand.

AHP.M

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Per B. M. Jones. Jr.

Ass't Treasurer.

December 26th 1913.

Miss Addie Grommelin,

35 Tompkins, St.,

Orange, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of Dec. 22nd, relative to the Consumers League of N. J., investigating the hours and wages of women, beg to advise you that I can find out the Edison girls if you would like me to.

Yours very truly,

C/H.

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Dec. 29, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange,
N. J.

Dear Madam:

In accordance with your request we are shipping you by express prepaid the first fourteen volumes of the set of Burroughs, Autograph Edition. The fifteenth volume we are holding to use as a sample for binding volumes sixteen and seventeen. Kindly let us hear from you as soon as possible as to whether the books are satisfactory.

Trusting that they will meet with your approval, we are,

Very sincerely yours,

Houghton Mifflin Company.

AHP.M

My dear Mina –

I am off this afternoon to spend Sunday in Cleveland with Della & Mame Hollingsworth. Before I go I want you to know that I have been getting the estate matters – I think all but the Hoskins lot – on fort. I.o. sell D. M. I find there is a great deal of red tape to consider – papers etc for you to sign – I saw Claire App some days ago about it & he had to communicate with the Chicago offices of D.M.

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to get information about what would be required by them. I will follow that up Monday or Tuesday probably. I am busy looking up horses along with other regular & irregular things. — I have been there three times following up the State Planing Mill. I think we will get those returns soon. He has promised to set aside the amount to-day or to-morrow for me. I am to call for it early next week.

The telephone account which I could not understand about is a very small one & a few items that Lewie owes personally.
The Drug Store I have not checked up yet.
I am returning the enclosed postals thinking you may want them. Thank you for sharing them with me. Had a fine postal from Madeleine - from Florence I think. She & see three of your little

Hock are darlings. My
eyes often water at the
thought of them. I have
meant to write Sheridan about
his accident but I am
hopelessly no good — so many
good intentions I leave
undone — but you cannot
imagine how much better
I feel in spirits & interest
in life & things lately.
Perhaps it is only temporary
as certain short periods
have been before but this
time the spell has come
upon me more forcibly
at any rate showing promise.

I was glad to get the news items of your ~~postal~~ card & am interested in them all. Poor Mary sounds homesick & in fact says she is. It is too bad she does not regain her strength faster.

I have not prepared anything for Cleveland yet so I feel hurried.

Good bye Nina dear – a heart of love to each.

Grace.

(5)

Mina dear —

I see by the New York Sun that you have entertained at luncheon "my" friends — Miss Carolyn Wells & Mrs. Sprague (They were two of your guests when you gave the luncheon for me at the Cosmopolitan Club). I am sure they missed me on the last occasion.

I am enclosing the certificate of stock for the Dio. watch which must be officially signed by you — I have a copy of the will as that I obtained at the court house and must still get a waiver

of the inheritance tax in
this state of Illinois.
The court House seemed
to be unable to give the
latter. I am trying to
find out what is still
necessary to do to obtain
it. In the meantime you
can sign the stock & then
I can give it to Claire
app to sell.
This morning I woke
up with "precious lilies"
on my lips —
Love to you, your dearie,
and "dearielles".
Grace.

Oak Place

Akron

Ohio

[INCOMPLETE]

My darling Mina —
Now Mina dear I want you to come out here to me for two weeks at least and take a good rest & get the benefit of Miss Racer's baths & rubs — Please don't you? I have missed your letters dreadfully Mina dear and I must keep this dear sister of mine in this little world and well.
I am going to enclose a check & have opened the Star Planing Mill — do you write

[INCOMPLETE]

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have a little cash and also another check from Ellis — and will try to continue looking after the W. U. to-day also — Claire App got the information from Chicago & sent me the report at a time I was in the midst of things & I did not take it up again at once. But I will. About Monhegan as far as I am concerned you can have the option — Grace Haynworth may be planning to use it — so write to Mrs. Davis (isn't it) to come in

was about my finish — I don't want you & dear old John to misjudge the feelings I displayed at Chautauqua either Mina dear. In the first place I decided in Orange that the best way to handle the boys was to be firm & decided about the question & then with you & the others we would do as we thought was wise — And Mina dear just between me & you & me — if only the question could be decided without my entering into it — the discussion or decision I don't care how it is decided — just so I don't have to discuss it — I will adjust myself to the ~~case~~

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My dear Mina —

I was glad to get your letter and glad to know you are coming back so soon — I hope I will appear sweeter to you Mina dear — But you know when I get nervously & too physically tired I don't seem to have the force to be decent — For all it was perfectly lovely to be with you in Orange & very thing was done for me & you always so thoughtful — I mean my whole stay east, yet the raising of the Oak Place question undid me — then the motoring on top of it

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as it may be in the end — The only part I would object to would be imposing any extra on anyone of those who are thinking of my interest — I do strongly object to that & I think John McGregor understands it — He said this plan that he has sent out for signature respects that — I thought all this action on his part he was coming from you — Sew came up one morning & put three lengthy documents before me & wanted me to sign them. The first thing I saw was the letter to you about the Chautauqua stock which seemed so strange to me & contradictory to your decision at the meeting at Chautauqua that I questioned it. Sew had a tendency in the beginning to get impatient — but I told him that he need not expect me to sign those papers until I understood about them & where they came from — He said they came from you — I told John McG. on the telephone later that you needed the dividend from the hotel stock he claimed in my mind, and that the question of the hotel stock was certainly a question. I don't think that ought to be handled in an off hand way at all — a person who is a good bargainer should do it — whenever it is done —

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It certainly is different from the old times and I know you must feel it greatly coming into it just occasionally — It is hard enough to accept when you remain in it & get a little accustomed to the routine with the changes. The only way I can get along at any time is not to dwell upon it — I think I would have seemed more decent Nina dear if I had not been on such a strain for such a stretch of time — I am more normal now and catching

up with my sleep — So don't think of that part of me — I didn't intend that Miss Wyman should come Monday — I did not specify any time & thought she would let it go but she appeared — I have been trying to get her by phone to tell her not to come but could not get the house — I will be all right now as I am able to sleep and am taking time for it — Much love. Nina dear.

Some of these days I will be able to see how my affairs stand and I may write you along the line of your letter — If it were not for the business matters here and the assistance I get to my living independently of any one — (I don't want to have to count on your generosity) — I would love to come to help John to a home — Everything I suppose may work out all right and for good but sometimes Nina dear I do get terribly wondering why I have had failed to [illegible] along like this rebellious — I try to make myself realize that I have as much right to live as any one and try to get pleasure out of things and try to find something in which I can be a help —

I have written Harry Miller about the Diamond Match Stock. It seems that he & you never did anything after I forwarded all my materials & information to you. You were to answer that set of questions I forwarded — It was a waste of that set that I could not continue — [6]

Let me know if you understand about this & what I have done. Now I should like much to do anything I can.

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Mary V. Miller Estate, 1913-1915

This folder contains correspondence and other documents relating to the settlement of the estate of Mary Valinda Miller, who died in October 1912. In addition to Mina Edison and her brothers and sisters, the correspondents include Mina's sister-in-law Louise Igoe Miller and nephew Robert A. Miller, Jr.; Edison's private secretary, Harry F. Miller; and attorneys John G. MacGregor, Jr. and Harvey Musser. Numerous items about the Miller estate can also be found in the general correspondence folders for 1913 and 1914.

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CLEVELAND, O. February 7th, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison,-

Your letter of the 28th ultimo naming the appraisers whom you would like to have appointed and containing information as to the division of the insurance fund, was duly received.

Mr. Christy will act as an appraiser provided the appraisal can be made prior to the 22nd instant when he expects to leave Akron to be gone some time. Mr. Manton would be glad to serve, but as he is not an owner of real estate is not qualified to act. I hope to be able to secure the consent of Mr. Johnston and Mr. O'Neil or Mr. Cook or Mr. Dodge this evening, and shall in such case notify the Probate Court in the morning so that the appointment may be made and the inventory and appraisal issued. It will be necessary to give five days' notice of the time and place of holding the appraisal, so I am anxious to get the matter under way in order to have it completed before Mr. Christy leaves town.

For the purpose of enabling me to act promptly, will you kindly send me a statement of all of the personal property, so far as you know of what it consists, stating at the same time where this property may be found; also a statement of any liabilities, so far as you know them. There will be no necessity for your coming to Ohio at this time, as the matter can be taken care of by your sister Grace or your brother Ira if he is to be in Akron, and the inventory and appraisal sent on to you for your signature and affidavit. It is important, however, that all of the property be exhibited to the appraisers at this time so that no additional inventory and appraisal may later be required. So far as the household effects are concerned, all of the parties in interest know what this property is, and I think it would be just as well to enter it as a single item of a certain value without separately stating and appraising it.

Trusting that I may hear from you with complete information, I remain

Yours very truly,

John MacGregor, Jr.

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CLEVELAND, O. February 8th, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Llewellyn Park,

Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison,-

Messrs. Will Christy, W. A. Johnston and F. M. Cooke will act as appraisers. Application for their appointment must, under the practice of the Probate Court of Summit County, be made in writing, and I shall file the application as your attorney on Monday morning and secure the appointment. I shall at the same time serve and post the necessary notices of the time and place of holding the appraisal.

Yours very truly,

John MacGregor Jr.

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CLEVELAND, O. February 10th, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

Estate of Mary V. Miller.

My dear Mrs. Edison,-

Messrs. Will Christy, W. A. Johnston and E. M. Cooke were appointed appraisers this morning. The appraisal will be made on Monday morning, February 17th, at 10:00 o'clock. I have understood that your mother had a safe deposit box. As you are not to be in Ohio at this time, I suggest that you send me the key together with a letter addressed to the bank authorizing me as your attorney to open the box and examine the contents. This will be necessary for the purpose of appraisal. The examination would be made in the presence of all of the members of the family who are in Akron. Kindly instruct me at the same time as to what arrangement you wish to have made with reference to the key and to future access to the box.

Yours very truly,

John MacGregor Jr.

JM

Mr. John Mac Gregor Jr.

My dear Mr. Mac Gregor.

I think I made clear to you in my last letter that the insurance money was all signed over to the members of the family - Should this appear at all in the estate property? As I understand it my sister Grace will continue with the income from this money to the end of the year. Is that correct?

There are 297 shares $100 each of Chautauqua Hotel Stock - There is or was purchased 50 shares of Diamond Match - I do not know whether any has been used or not. My sister Grace has the data about that also some other fair matters

about the place and a little stock that she and my sister Mary purchased from time to time. Oak Place is the only other property that I know of.
My sister Grace can give you the stocks & rentals that they have been caring for out there. I have the Chautauqua stock. Grace is to send me the bills and I have some here which should be settled as soon as possible. Shall I O.K. those that I know are all right and send them on to you or have them drawn up here and paid directly from me?
Will you also inquire about and see if there is any possibility of

selling the grounds as a park and the house as a hospital or something of that sort – I want to keep it intact if possible.

Yours sincerely

Mina M. Edison

G.E. 11-1913 –

R.J. Hare just received your letter of Oct. 10th – My sister Grace has the box and the key and if you will ask her she will give it to you – I will write her – It seems to me that it would be best for her to keep the key so that you can have access to it – I am very much pleased over the appointment of appraisers

Yours truly

Mina M. Edison

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CLEVELAND, O. February 20th, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas E. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison,-

The appraisal was made in Akron on Monday by Messrs. Christy, Johnston and Cooke. The property appraised consists of the following:

B. F. Goodrich Company,
Preferred, 14 shares, appraised at $100.00 per share.
135 shares common, appraised at $50.00.
Diamond Match Company,
21 shares appraised at $108.00 per share.
Chautauqua Hotel Company,
350 shares appraised at $75.00 per share.

4 greenhouses,	$1000.00.
Plants, etc., contents of greenhouses,	500.00.
Horse,	100.00.
Coupe, sleigh, 2-seated carriage, wagon, dump cart, and single harness,	100.00.
Furniture, etc.,	1000.00.
Money in bank,	608.59.
Real estate, Oak Place property,	32000.00.

The cash in bank represents the difference between the amount on deposit in the savings account as entered in the passbook on July 1st, 1912 and the overdraft in the commercial account shown on October 17th, 1912, which was two days prior to your mother's death.

As real estate can be appraised only on actual view, the five lots in Cleveland were not appraised.

I am holding the inventory and appraisal pending receipt from Wall Bros., of Akron, of a description of the real estate. When this description is received, I shall forward the original inventory and appraisal to you for your signature and affidavit, and shall send you at the same time a copy for your files.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison. February 20th, 1913.

Your brother Ira stated that the dividend, $4.00 per share, paid on the Chautauqua Hotel Company's stock, would indicate that the estate has 350 shares. To make certain of this he wrote to Chautauqua and has sent me the reply received. This shows that your mother held, the certificates being issued in the name of M. V. Miller, 6 certificates for 50 shares each, 1 certificate for 49 shares, and 1 certificate for 1 share, and that your brother Ira and sister Mary each hold 1 certificate for 1 share, these two certificates being, according to your brother Ira, the property of the estate. The certificate for one share in the name of M. V. Miller is in the safe deposit box in Akron, and as you state that you hold 297 shares, 300 shares are accounted for. Can you locate the other 50 shares?

The letter referred to also shows that a certificate for one share is outstanding in the name of R. A. Miller and a certificate for 9 shares in the name of Louise I. Miller. Am I correct in assuming that these ten shares do not belong to your mother's estate?

I had the furniture, etc. appraised as a single item without being separately inventoried, in order to save time and expense. I believe, however, that it is desirable that an inventory of this property be made by one or more members of the family, and that after being made, it be passed around and approved by all. This inventory can then be deposited with The First-Second National Bank or elsewhere if desired, and so be available for reference by any interested party. If your sister Grace should continue to occupy the house, it might of course be some time before a distribution of the household property would be made and while all of you know now substantially of what this property consists, some question might in the absence of such a record arise later on.

Will you kindly let me hear from you at your early convenience in reply to my inquiries about the Chautauqua Hotel Company stock.

Yours very truly,

JM

P.S.. Your brother Ira inquired as to the agreement under which the insurance fund has been held and also as to the manner in which the fund had been invested. I assumed that there would be no objection to giving him the information and believed it to be advisable to have him acquainted with the facts. Accordingly, I stated to him the facts as furnished me in your recent letter. J.M.

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CLEVELAND, O. February 24th, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison,-

In writing to you hastily a few days since, I neglected to state that the stock of The B. F. Goodrich Company, 14 shares Preferred and 135 Common, is held by The Citizens Savings & Trust Company as collateral to a promissory note on which there is a balance in principal of $3700.00. Interest is due and unpaid on this note from October 1st, 1912. Mr. Nutt, with whom I talked in order to verify my information about the collateral to the note, stated that the Trust Company would like to have the overdue interest paid. This would mean two installments of interest, October 1st, 1912 and January 1st, 1913.

The making of the inventory which I suggested will be a considerable task. It can, however, be made from time to time during the next six weeks or two months as may be found convenient. Your brother Ira suggested that possibly Edward would help Grace in making this inventory.

I have not yet received the description of the Oak Place property from Paul Bros., but hope to do so within a day or two. Meanwhile I hope to hear from you in reply to my inquiries about the Chautauqua Hotel Company's stock. I shall then be in position to forward the inventory to you for your signature.

Yours very truly,

John MacGregor Jr.

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CLEVELAND, O. March 10th, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park, Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison,-

I received your letter in reference to the Chautauqua Hotel Company's stock, stating that so far as you are able to ascertain, your mother held but 300 shares. I enclose herewith the letter of J. M. Leslie, Cashier of the Chautauqua Institution, to your brother Ira, dated February 18th, 1913, which indicates that your mother held 350 shares. Of course if you cannot locate the remaining 50 shares, the proper thing to do would be to inventory 300 shares, and if the certificate should subsequently be found, the matter can be corrected in the administration proceedings. Accordingly I shall endeavor to forward to you tomorrow the inventory for your signature and affidavit, and a copy of the same for your files.

The indebtedness of the estate may be paid by you at any time that payment can conveniently be made. You should of course keep a record of all payments made and secure and retain receipted vouchers so that the same may be filed in the Probate Court at the time your account is filed.

The real estate was appraised as acreage property and not as allotment property. No doubt for allotment purposes, it would be worth considerably more money. I saw no objection, however, to its appraisal on this basis and the value thus given it may be helpful in matters of taxation. The property of course is not to be sold except by consent of all parties in interest.

You have in one or two letters referred to the expense of maintaining the home property for one year in such way as to lead me to believe that you consider such expense a proper charge against the estate. A widow is entitled to an allowance to be made to her by the appraisers of the estate for her support for one year, and is also entitled to the use of the homestead, rent free, for a period of one year. These provisions, however, cannot be extended and are not applicable in the case of your sister Grace. I think that it may be proper to pay from the income of the insurance fund, which Mr. Edison is holding, all indebtedness which was contracted by your mother during her life and to relieve her estate to this extent. Your mother made no provision in her will for maintenance of the property and no allowance to Grace for running expenses outside of such income as there may be from the greenhouses. Grace, as tenant for life, or until her marriage, is, under the law, obligated

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison. March 10th, 1913.

to pay all taxes which become a lien after your mother's death, as well as all repairs which may from time to time during her tenure be required. Special assessments, if any should be made, may by statute be apportioned between life tenants and remaindermen according to the benefits received by each, but this does not apply to taxes. Similarly, any actual improvements to the property not ordinary repairs made for the purpose of preserving the property, may be apportioned. Grace of course may find it burdensome to maintain the place, but she wishes, as she stated to me a few days since, to try to keep the place for at least the present year. The use of the property given to her under the will, is something of value, and if it were a life use merely, its value could be definitely ascertained by the mortality tables. It, however, ought not to be a difficult matter to arrive at a value which would be fair to every one interested in case it should become desirable to effect the sale of the property.

I have resigned my position with the Trust Company in order to return to private practice, and expect to leave town on a somewhat extended vacation between the 15th and 20th of the month. I shall be glad to do anything that you wish to advance the administration of the estate as far as possible before leaving town.

Yours very truly,

John MacMyn Jr.

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Akron, Ohio, March 24, 1913.

Appraisal of the Miller Estate.

Land 12.71 acres	$55,000.00
Large house	15,000.00
Small house	1,000.00
Barn	2,000.00
Greenhouse	2,000.00
	$75,000.00
200 feet on Park Place-100 feet deep	3,000.00

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BOTH PHONES 743.

LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

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AKRON, OHIO, Apr. 18, 1913

Dear Mina

How are you? I had a man from Cleveland looking at oak Place the other day. He is trying to get the Dr. to start a new hospital. He is the same one I think you spoke of. Well, some thing in that line will happen this summer. He want the house and all the land in front as far as the drive; and to the top of the hill on the north, on to the north, and back to the Greenhouse on the west, and about twenty-five feet on the south side, on to Mrs. Cregens. I want him to take all, and then sell what he don't want. I think I can get up a plan to take it all, and then sell to this man Mr. Allport what he wants. Of course all ~~the rest of~~ us will have agree to the plan.

What have you done about the Wilds till I sent you? He is after me, and is getting very mean about it.

I can't hardly go into the house, but what I long for Mother. It is hard, but I told Grace I would stay with her this summer. She can't keep up the house, but she thinks she can. I am getting busy with my Market Street place, and hope to sell it all off this summer.

Give my love to all, and keep a lot for yourself. I wish I could just leave Akron today. Write soon.

Love
Lewis

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LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

AKRON, OHIO, Apr. 24, 1913

Dear Mina,

I enclose the bill from the Dairy Free exhibit Co. I saw them yesterday and they would like this money now, but I told them I guess they could have it in about thirty or sixty days from now.

Please see that this is paid also the Wildes bill.

We are having fine weather just now. The Doctors have had a meeting, and have started to get up a company for the Hospital. I am watching it, and will try and have them take all of our place.

I wish I were out there. I can't stay in Akron.

Love to all.

Loveling
Lewis

Llewellyn Park

West Orange, New Jersey.

Sept. 9, 1913.

Mrs. Mary Miller Nichols,
42 Circle Road,
Scarsdale, New York.

Dear Mrs. Nichols:-

Mrs. Edison has requested me to write you regarding the B. F. Goodrich Company common and prefferd stock which is now held as collateral for a loan of $3700.00 by the Citizens Savings and Trust Co. of Cleveland, Ohio. The loan was made by Mrs. Miller, and the stock is part of her estate.

It is Mrs. Edison's opinion that it would be unwise to sell sufficient shares to liquidate the loan just at this time, while the market for securities is depressed and thinks it would be better to wait until conditions improve.

She wants you to know the situation regarding the stock and would like to receive from you a letter approving her action in the matter.

Yours very truly,

H. F. Miller
Secretary.

Mrs Thomas A. Edison
Dear Sir,
I quite cheerfully approve of holding the stock until conditions improve —
Truly yours —
Mary E. Miller Nichols

Scarsdale N.Y.
Sept. 13- 1913.

THE MILLER LAND CO.
9 WILCOX BUILDING, S. MAIN ST.
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LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

AKRON, OHIO, Sept. 13, 1913.

Mrs. A. Edison,

Dear Mina;

I received a letter from Mr. Miller about the Goodrich stock. I don't believe there is any harm in your kepping it the way it is at the present. I think it will be worth more in six or eight months from now than it is at the present time. As far as I am concerned I will give my consent to hold the stock and wait for the advance in price before disposing of it.

Very respectfully yours,
Lewis A. Miller

P.S. Dear Mina. Grace got home this afternoon. She seems well. Hope you and all are well. With love
Lewis

FORM 47 1833

THE B.F. GOODRICH COMPANY,

RUBBER GOODS
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION

AKRON, OHIO, September 19, 1913.

Mr. H.F. Miller,
Orange, N.J.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 18th at hand, and in reply we beg to say that the stock of Mary V. Miller shared in all the benefits of the consolidation of this Company with The Diamond Rubber Company and that all cash bonuses and additional shares which were due her were turned over at the time of the consolidation and there is nothing further that should come to her on her holdings.

Please let us know if there is any other particular information that you want. Each stockholder, at the time of the consolidation, received letters explaining the whole matter, and the shares were transferred and bonuses paid at that time and the transaction closed; so that any shares now held in the Estate of Mary V. Miller are the result of the consolidation and the payment made to the stockholders at that time.

Very truly yours,
THE B.F. GOODRICH COMPANY,

P. D. Raymond.
Secretary.

Orange, New Jersey,
Nov. 22, 1913.

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Mrs. Robert A. Miller,
17 West 45th Street,
New York City.

Dear Madame:-

There is a note of Mary V. Miller for $3700.00 held by the Citizens Savings and Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, against which there is held as collateral one hundred and thirty-five shares of Common and fourteen shares of Preferred Stock of the B. F. Goodrich Company. The market value of the collateral is not sufficient to satisfy the bank, and as its value is diminishing, they demand $1500.00 paid on account of the note, immediately. Under the circumstances, it seems best to Mrs. Edison to sell the Goodrich stock at the market price, before it declines further, and pay the note; otherwise, she will have to sell other securities to raise the $1500.00 cash they are asking for. To enable her to do so, she is enclosing herewith a consent which please sign and return to her immediately.

Yours very truly,

H. F. Miller

SECRETARY.

P.S. Please have the children sign too.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

November 1913.

I consent to have Minn M. Edison sell at the market price one hundred and thirty-five shares of Common and fourteen shares of Preferred Stock of the B. F. Goodrich Company, now up as collateral with the Citizens Savings and Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, for a loan of $3700.00.

Louise Igra Miller
Robert A. Miller Jr
Rachel Alice Miller.
Lewis Miller by Louise I. Miller
Guardian

Witness

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

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Lewis A Miller

Witness

I think you could sell the Diamond Match stock better. But you know what you want to do.

L. A. M.

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John V. Miller

Witness

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Dear Mina: Akron O Nov 26/13

Answering Mr H.F. Miller's letter of Nov 22 I wish to say that in a little conference with Mary, Grace & Ed we all agreed that it might be well to buy and carry the Goodrich stock until after the first of the new year. We inquired of Will Means Treas & Chas Raymond Sec regarding the General Condition of the Company at this time and they both report that the liabilities of the Company have been reduced $2.500.000 since statement of a year ago. Gross business not quite so large as year ago but all profitable. They will pay regular 7% dividend on pfd stock and also write off some Pref'd stock which the Company have purchased during the year. Money will be more plentiful and cheaper after Jan 1st thus making an easier market for the stock which I would say is intrinsically worth $100.00 per share for Pfd and $30 to $40 per share (speculatively) for Common. If the Citizens Bank will not carry the stock with Coll they now have, use the Diamond Match for additional collateral and lets see what may develope for the Goodrich stock after Jan 1st when new statement will be published. To back to give up just now when every thing seems to be at the lowest

Yours Truly
Chas H Miller

To Mr T.A. Edison

[ON BACK OF PREVIOUS DOCUMENT]

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to come after Grace returns in February. You know she is planning to visit you and then after 23rd of December and is going to stay just five weeks or thereabouts - if every thing goes all right here - I hope it will. Don't you think it would be better to come when its not quite so rushed a season? I don't want to stop your visit with Grace - but it would be nice to be here together. Nell said you would have come if you had known I was coming. It was so sudden, my coming, that I didn't realize that I was really

Darling Mina:

Your telegram arrived O.K. - I don't know what to answer - for I am afraid Nell will find the time very long and get too lonesome - then too I want to get settled and Xmas is coming and I have nothing much ready - If you were here and it might be well to stay a week together but since it would mean two weeks for me I guess, unless you get Nell to say for me to stay I better say I can't - Set no place

here - I surprised all - my body -
We have had a lovely day with Ida & Cora -
They had the dinner & tea - and now we
are going home & I'll mail this on the
way home.
We had a family conflab on the Citizens
Savings & Trust Co - matter and agreed together
that it would be better to put Diamond
Match up as collateral for the loan until
at least after Christmas - By telephone Mr.
Nutt of the C. S. & Loan Co - and he said he
would accept it - It seems that people think
prices will be better after the New year -
You have my consent to do what you think best -
The boys were very nice and we had a
nice little visit together. Sol stayed for
luncheon and came again in the evening
for dinner - G.C.W. was there too - Grace had
a nice little dinner for us - We played cards
in the evening. Mr. G & I have kept dreadful
hours since I am here - we talk & talk late
late every night - I am dropping with sleep
this afternoon resulting from midnight talks
I miss hearing from you Mina dear - why don't
you write me? or telephone when in town? don't
you love me any more at all - I love you always
did you know that and I like to feel that you
love & want me just a wee bit! - Love to you all and thank
you for taking care of my Will - Mary

Mina dear – my fountain pen has walked off, so I am going to write you in pencil – We have been helping Mary with her papers & I imagine it was left upstairs. I want to write you in regard to the stock – We had quite a family meeting as a result of your notice to each & all seemed agreed that it was ~~not~~ worth while to wait to see if Goodrich Common would not right itself ~~to~~ the extent of eight or ten points by January and thus clear the notes. We calculated the amount and selling at 17 for Comm. & 81 for Preferred there would remain 500 or 300 I think it was still to pay – Each point up or down with common means $135 and everyone seems to think

15 is about as low as it will go so if we can hold on a little longer it would at least clear itself - We telephoned Mr. Hutt in Cleveland before we agreed about it to see if he would accept the Diamond Match (21 Shares) as sufficient increase in collateral. He replied favorably - I will try to see him & see if we have to give it all - It certainly is too bad - We telephoned direct to Mr. Will Means - Treasurer of Goodrich - brother of Walter - and he said the gross earnings were more than last year & the debt was reduced 2 millions - I understand the debt is 30 millions - The only unfavorable response was that the debt two months had fallen off a little. If we were figuring on

buying we might not agree to venture but already holding it seems to bad to sacrifice at what nearly all feel is about the lowest ebb —

I was disappointed that you did not come with Mary. We have had a pleasant time together but it has opened the old wounds made by the losses of the darlings that have gone — about day before yesterday I began to feel lonely — whether at the prospects of Mary's & Grace's going or whether it was on general principles I do not know. But to-night as I heard the wagons rumbling away with the big spreadsheets it seemed like the rumbling of something as dreadful as the noise of the carts to guillotine or something funereal — Oh! Mina dear, what a strange world this is!

I keep missing your good letters but know you are busy, busy!
Much much love to each - T.
with a good night kiss —
your sister - Grace.

IRA. M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

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Dec 1. 1903

M. H. Miller
Orange N.J.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter 29th can only say that I do not change my mind from what I said in former letter It is to big sacrifice to sell the Goodrich stock at present market prices. I agree with Mr. Edison that it is speculative as to how high the common stock may go again but the Pfd is question about it being worth par or more - Real Estate will not sell quickly now, money to hard to get When Mother Miller put her stock into the Diamond & Goodrich combined she should have rec'd $5000 pfd stock $13500 Common & $1444.00 Cash Now what has become of the $5000 pfd Stock? Cash I understand went to pay some of Mothers debts. The Estate has rec'd two dividends from the Chautauqua Hotel $400 Each

IRA. M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

what has become of all this cash. Not knowing these facts I am somewhat in the dark to know how to advise Mother. The estate seems to have had some 25 or 30M dollars worth of Bonds $5000 Goodrich Pfd Stock and some $4 to 5M dollars Cash but now how she could have so many debts that the above would not pay same I do not understand

Wish I could be of better service to you. Courage to hold on is what we need now.

Yours very truly
Ira M Miller

EDWARD B. MILLER,
AKRON, O.

Dec 1/1913

Dear Mina –

Your special delivery letter received & I feel that I cannot answer it intelligently as I would like to by letter, and that you should come on to Akron so that we could figure the matter out and learn what has become of all the moneys you should have or should have had to clean up these matters long ago. As it is I will not give you my opinion until I know the facts of the case, There is one thing I know I shall not stand for selling any real estate to fix up these matters that should have been fixed or paid before you distributed those funds last Spring. And that is there is where you should get the money now, to pay this note in question –

Sincerely
Edward –

MRS. ROBERT A. MILLER

ROBERT A. MILLER, JR.

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PORTO RICAN NEEDLE WORK
17 WEST 45TH STREET

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29 COMERCIO STREET
PONCE, P. R.
21 ALLEN STREET
SAN JUAN, P. R.

NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 2-13-

My Dear Minnie

Pardon the delay in answering your letter in regard to the stock — The special delivery wasn't delivered until yesterday — And I had my hands to fill with the Bishop, to do anything else. We had decided after the talk of Nov. 27th to advance the $20. But that doesn't seem to meet with approval. And Mary says in Chum they agreed the best thing was to put up the Diamond Match Co. stock. It really looks as though, it were "six of one and half dozen of the other." Mr. Robert Jr. Rachel & Chum are willing to do whatever you all decide is best — I know the decision must be made soon & hope you can have an ultimate decision right away —

Mary says some of them feel they haven't the $20 to advance — so I suppose that is settled — and brings it down to the selling of the stock or putting up the Diamond Match Co. stock. They seem to feel with them — that the first of the year it will go up — If it goes down much lower it will be wiped out — I think Mr. Edison's judgment is certainly worth relying upon.

But I suppose whatever the majority of opinion is — will have to settle it — I wish I could be of some real help — But I know you will do whatever seems for the best — The Bishop left to-day — I think he was very pleased with his entire visit. You certainly added to his happiness. Mrs. Douglas Robinson was just in to buy another luncheon set — or rather to have it sent on approval. Miss Beaber is to go Friday to take charge of the sale at Mrs. Shaw's friends.

With love always

Louise

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New York, December 11, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Orange,

New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

My suggestion as to the method of handling the Akron real estate which it appears that the majority at least of the owners - the devisees under your mother's will - do not wish to attempt to divide, is that a conveyance of the property be made to one of the Akron banks which has a Trust Department, and that a separate memorandum of trust be drawn explicitly defining the terms of the trust. The title under the will is a vested estate, subject only to the interest that your sister Grace has in a part of the property during her life or until her prior marriage, and may therefore be dealt with at this time; whereas in the event of the death of any of the devisees, other interests might attach with which it might not be possible to deal promptly. The advantage of passing the title to a banking corporation whose existence is continuous, and which has a Trust Department which is in position to handle such a matter in all its details carefully and economically, is obvious. The conveyance once properly made, the devisees would not be called upon to execute any further deeds, thereby avoiding the annoyance and delay which frequently attend the execution of papers which are to be signed by a number of persons. The bank would execute and deliver a deed for each piece of property that is sold, and would receive the purchase money and distribute it among those entitled according to the contract. The

actual selling could be entrusted to the bank or to some agent or agents named by the devisees, and the contract might provide for designating different or additional agents from time to time on notice to the bank from a certain number or majority of the devisees. A copy of the plat showing the allotment and a schedule of prices should be attached to the contract and identified as exhibits. The contract should also provide a means of changing this schedule from time to time, as it may take some years possibly to dispose of all of the property and meanwhile it may be found that the schedule of prices is too low or too high. In all such cases it seems to me wise to avoid providing for consent of all parties in interest, because of the number and because they are or may be at any given time scattered and so be difficult to reach. This might safely be left to a committee, with provision for replacing any member who might die or resign or to a certain number or majority.

Your sister Grace, in joining in the conveyance to the bank, should do so under a recital expressly reserving the special interest which she holds. The contract ought to provide among other things that the bank should pay the taxes and look after the property generally and distribution of the proceeds of sale would have to be made at certain stated periods instead of immediately following each sale, so that the bank might at all times have on hand an amount sufficient to enable it to meet the charges which it was required to pay. This will be sufficient perhaps to indicate in a general way my idea on the subject. The contract, of course, would have to be very carefully worked out in order to meet the views of the various parties in interest and to provide for all contingencies so far as they may be foreseen. I see no reason, however, that ~~the contract may not be~~ that all parties

cannot come to a thorough agreement on the matter at this time.

Very truly yours,

John MacMyer

New York, December 11, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Orange,

New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Confirming my recent verbal advice to you, I write to say that corporate stocks may be sold by an executor when sale is necessary in order to pay debts of the Estate, but not otherwise; that in order for you to effect sale of any of the corporate stocks belonging to your mother's estate, it will be necessary to file a formal application in Probate Court and secure an order authorizing private sale. This sale cannot be for a sum less than the appraised value. As the market has receded since the appraisal, it will be necessary to secure a re-appraisal. The inventory should also be amended by adding the additional fifty shares of stock of the Chattauqua Hotel Company which have since come to light. The re-appraisal and amendment will have to be made under much the same formalities as to notice, etc., required in the matter of the original inventory and appraisal, but there will be no practical necessity for calling the appraisers together again. They can agree upon their figures and the papers afterwards can be passed to them for their individual signatures.

If you feel that there is any likelihood of your having to sell, in addition to the other stocks, any part of the Chattauqua Hotel Company stock, this stock also should be re-appraised at the same time as the others, as under the special conditions affecting it, aside from the general market, it seems improbable that it could be sold, at any

rate in the near future, at its present appraised value. I would suggest that in making the re-appraisal the values be placed if possible slightly under present market values. This will make no difference whatever in the sale price, and, since you wish to effect sale at an early date, will still enable you to proceed, even should the market recede further before the order authorizing sale can be secured and the sale completed. In order to make the sale in question, it will not be necessary for you to secure consent of any of the persons beneficially interested in the Estate.

Very truly yours,

John Mac Morton

New York, December 11, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

I enclose the letters which you asked me to write on the subjects under discussion at your home last Thursday. Not knowing who is to act for you in Akron I write the letter relating to the Estate to you. This will give you the information desired and your attorney, whoever he may be, will of course know the exact procedure to be followed.

I trust that my delay in writing has not caused you any inconvenience. I have been living under a very rigid routine and it has been impossible for me to have any stenographic work done before today. My address in case you may wish to get word to me about any matters is at present 124 West 71st Street, New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

John MacGregor

He objects thinking it is not a sure thing what he gets out of it finally. I then suggested that in return for the putting up of the $200 each one get his share of the stock — that is divide it & each one carry his own risk after paying the $200 — These last few days have slipped along without my realizing it has been so

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Mina dear —

I am perfectly willing to pay my $200 on the loan in Cleveland — I fear the boys are in no condition to do so however. I just now suggested to Serie borrowing it of some one but you see he has borrowed up to the limit in order to develop his real estate to get it ready to turn. ~~I then~~

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since I received your request
to know if I would be willing —
Grace Weymouth came over Sunday
My birthday seemed to throw me
back into my old sad feelings —
I really can't believe my eyes
when I see the date of your letter.
Lenie gave me a wonderfully
fine little surprise dinner party,
and that helped me out of
myself wonderfully — Ira & Cora,
Mr & Mrs Christy, Mame Manton &
Mrs Byron Robinson — Henry Manton
had just gone to Chicago —
Enjoyed your night letter very much
on Saturday. Dear old John's telegram
reached me on my birthday morning —
It is late & the cold air is reaching
up the registers — so good night —
With much love Mina dear & wanting
to write you soon again — but this
must get off now — Grace —

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I was terribly shocked to hear of Mr. Spaeny's sudden death, and sympathized with Louise & family.

Both Telephones 1402.

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Harvey Musser
T. W. Kimber
J. R. Huffman.

Musser, Kimber & Huffman.
Lawyers.

Akron, O. Jan. 29, 1914

Mr. H. F. Miller,
Secretary to Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

In re Estate of Mary V. Miller

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have yours of the 27th returning the letter of Mr. John MacGregor of the 20th, both touching the N. Y. C. and L. S. Bonds purchased by Mrs. Miller during her lifetime.

As I interpret your letter of this transaction, there is nothing further for Mrs. Edison to do. As I have heard nothing from you concerning the sale of the Diamond Match and Goodrich common and preferred stocks, I assume that none of these shares have been sold. You no doubt, have noticed that Goodrich common has fluctuated from 2 to 4 points in the last ten days. I was told yesterday by someone who pretends to know, that the common would probably drop to 19 or 20 between now and May 1st. The report of the condition of the company which will probably be sent out today or tomorrow will give us the probable financial condition of the company.

Awaiting your further advices, and assuring you that I am pleased to do anything at this end of the line to facilitate a settlement of the estate, I am

Most truly yours,

Harvey Musser.

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Orange, N. J. February 5, 1914.

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Mrs Robt A. Miller
N.Y. City
Dear Mrs Miller

It is proposed to put all the real estate not disposed of by the will of MRS. MARY V. MILLER into a Trust; to be administered by a Trust Company for the benefit of the heirs.

The Trust Company would look after the sale and rent of the property, the paying of taxes and the collection of rents, employing a real estate broker when necessary, and would divide the proceeds among the heirs at stated periods.

It would also be necessary for the heirs to authorize one or two of their number to act for them in all transactions.

Geo. Lavin L. Miller
Geo. R. A. M. Jr.
Geo. Lavin L. Miller Guardian for Lois Miller
Geo. Rachel Alice Miller

Will you please state whether you approve of a plan similar to that outlined above.

There are five lots in Cleveland which were transferred from Ira M. Miller, Executor, to Mary V. Miller, and which at present stand in the name of the State of Ohio, on account of delinquint taxes. They are assessed at $140.00 each. Upon paying $22.75 each, these lots will be reconveyed to the Estate. Are you willing that this payment be made?

Geo. R. A. M. Jr.

Yours very truly,

Geo. Lavin L. Miller
Geo. Lavin L. Miller
Geo. Rachel Alice Miller. Guardian for Lois Miller

MINA H. EDISON, Executrix
by H. F. Miller, Secretary.

I approve of the above proposition
Lavin L. Miller
Lavin L. Miller Guardian for Lois Miller

Rachel Alice Miller

Both Telephones 1402.

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Akron, O. Feb. 13, 1914

Mr. H. F. Miller, Sec.
to Mina M. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

In re estate of Mary V. Miller

Dear Sir:

I am today in receipt of a letter from Mr. John MacGregor Hotel Hillman, Birmingham, Ala. in which he encloses letter from Mr. Ira Reynolds touching the real estate owned by the above estate in Cleveland and which letter is as follows:

"Dear Mr. MacGregor:
Your esteemed favor of the 13th inst. subject "Lots on Grand Division Ave." at hand. As I was in the neighborhood this morning I looked them over. The street has no improvements, just a country road, and at present I should think any money or time spent on them would be wasted. It is simply a field. Some day when they get a car line out Warner Road they may be marketed."

You will notice that this is a very conservative estimate, and in explanation of same I might add that Mr. Reynolds is one of the appraisers for the Cleveland Trust Company. Personally I believe it would be wise to redeem this property by paying the taxes, interest, etc.

If there is anything I can do as to this kindly let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,
Harvey Musser

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-Family
-Miller, Mary V.

Birmingham, Alabama, March 4, 1914

Harvey Musser, Esquire,

Akron, Ohio.

Estate of Mary V. Miller.

My dear Mr. Musser:

Enclosed please find contract which I have drawn defining the terms upon which the Oak Place property is to be held by the Trustee, in case the heirs conclude to make the conveyance in trust, as has been suggested. I enclose also description of the property prepared by Paul Brothers and copies of my letters of December 11th 1913 and of this date to Mrs. Edison. As she is apparently anxious to have this contract in hand, I have sent draft of it directly to her instead of awaiting your reply and suggestions. Changes will probably have to be made in any event to meet the views of all parties in interest. You will doubtless deem different or additional provisions desirable, and will, I trust, feel free to suggest to Mrs. Edison, and to make, exactly such alterations as you think advisable, or necessary to accomplish the purposes aimed at, or to bring the parties to an agreement. I have provided merely a form embodying such provisions as seem to me desirable, and fair to all, and such contingencies as have suggested themselves. It seems to me that the general plan ought to appeal to all of the parties and that each would rather enter into such an arrangement than to take chances either in drawing lots for choice of the property under a division, or in partition proceedings.

Several matters call for explanation. The contract contemplates prior sale of the undivided one-twenty-fourth interest of Robert Miller's minor child, so that conveyance of the entire title may be made to the bank. Mrs. Robert Miller may be, and otherwise should be appointed, guardian in New York of this child's estate and file her petition in Summit County and secure an order authorizing sale at private sale of her ward's interest in this property. The purchaser would be one of the other devisees. It has seemed to me the fair thing to have this child share exactly as other parties in interest in the proceeds eventually realized from sale of the entire property. This will necessitate your working out some plan by which the guardian may conform to requirements of New York statutes relating to investment of the ward's funds.

The contract also contemplates reservation by Grace A. Miller in the deed to the bank of her special interest in the property. This will enable her to have the use of the property until sale is affected, and will protect her as to compensation for her special interest when sale is made, provided she is then living and shall not theretofore have married. It seems to me that the value of such interest can be determined more equitably at that time than at present

Harvey Musser, Esq. #2.
March 4, 1914.

I have provided for various changes as to schedule prices, agents, etc. by action of the majority in interest. This seems to me entirely fair. To require concerted action by all would not be practicable. A committee of three could act more promptly than the majority provided for, if such a committee would be acceptable. In specifying a majority in interest, I have tried to make the plan workable by providing for action of such only of the heirs of any of the parties who may be deceased as are of legal age.

An arrangement should be made with one of the Akron Abstract Companies to furnish a certificate of title to each parcel of property. By making this arrangement in advance, a substantial saving can doubtless affected. Each certificate would be paid for, however, only when delivered to the bank on its order.

The Commission to the bank ought not to exceed 2% of down payments to it, and 5% of payments subsequently made to it upon land contracts and mortgages.

As I have no additional suggestions to make to Mrs. Edison, I shall, for the purpose of saving time, instead of writing her separately, send her a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Rate to selling agents.

Harvey Musser
F. W. Kimber
J. R. Huffman

Both Telephones 4102.

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Akron, O. Mar. 6, 1914

Mr. H. F. Miller, Sec. to
Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

In re Estate of Mary V. Miller

Dear Sir:

I have examined the agreement prepared by Mr. John MacGregor, Jr. for the purpose of trusteeing the real estate, and think Mr. MacGregor has covered the matter very fully. Upon a final conference some minor changes may be necessary, but in the main I believe that the document as prepared by Mr. MacGregor is all right. The only suggestion I have to make is this, that the trustee should be given more latitude and discretion as to the price at which the real estate and the several lots should be sold. In short my theory is this, if you have confidence enough to select a party or a bank as trustee you should give such trustee rather broad powers so as to facilitate the sale of the real estate promptly and when you have a buyer.

I have today written Mr. MacGregor expressing my approval of his plan and when your people are ready to act you can command me and I will do whatever I can at this end of the line.

Hastily, but truly yours,

Harvey Musser

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A. W. BURNETT, PRESIDENT.
O. C. DIETZ, FIRST VICE PREST.
M. O'NEIL, SECOND VICE PREST.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY

AKRON, OHIO March Seven .
Nineteen Fourteen.

Mrs Thos A. Edison,
Slewellyn Park,
Orange. N. J.

Dear Madam:-

I had an interview with Miss G. Miller, at Oak Place in regards to selling your property . She advised me to write you regarding same .

We have several clients who are looking for home sites of this nature and believe I will be able to dispose of this property for you ,if you all are willing to sell it . I understand you are Executrix of the estate and can give me the information desired .

Kindly advise me by return mail if you care to give this Company a sales agreement to dispose of this property , and upon receipt of your letter will mail you a contract to look over and give us a full description .

Trusting to hear from you , I beg to remain,

Yours very truly ,

The Bankers Guarantee Title & Trust Co ,

Per _____

[April 1914?]

Enclosed I am sending you a statement of the receipts and disbursements in connection with the Estate of Mary V. Miller to-date; also a list of claims to be paid.

The receipts for all payments up to January 7th are on file with the Probate Judge at Akron, to whom Mrs. Edison made a report last January.

The B. F. Goodrich Common stock has been sold and the Preferred will be sold at once. This will provide almost enough money to pay the balance of the claims.

I am also enclosing a copy of the report regarding the division of the real estate. Will you please write Mrs. Edison expressing your opinion of the plan?

Yours very truly,

MINA M. EDISON, Executrix

by

Secretary.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Louise's report heard. Do not agree with your plan in entirety. However, will compromise as follows:-

To divide the Oak Place property, except part set aside for Grace by Mother's will, into eight plots of equal valuation.

To draw for these plots.

For each one to sign an agreement appointing three men to value the lots, and divide the lots into eight plots of equal valuation.

To abide by the decision of the three men as to the valuation and division of the lots into eight plots.

All lots in each of the eight divisions shall be adjacent, i. e., in one block.

The plot set aside for Grace by Mother's will shall be used by Grace as long as she desires it as a home. At the time she gives it up this plot shall then be divided among the eight in the same way as above.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

EXECUTOR'S ACCOUNTS.

MINA M. EDISON, as Executrix of the will of Mary V. Miller, Deceased, in account with said Estate.

Said Executrix charges herself as follows: FIRST PARTIAL ACCOUNT.

To RECEIPTS

To interest received as follows:

4/3/13	Dividend #3 The B.F. Goodrich Company	135.00
4/9/13	Dividend #4 The B.F. Goodrich Company	24.50
7/30/13	Dividend #5 The B.F.Goodrich Company	24.50
11/24/13	Dividend #6 The B.F. Goodrich Company	24.50
4/ 7/14	Dividend #7 The B.F.Goodrich Preferred	24.50
4/ 3/13	Dividend #97 Diamond Match Co.	52.50
7/30/13	Dividend #98 Diamond Match Co.	31.50
11/24/13	Dividend #99 Diamond Match Co.	31.50
1/ 7/14	Dividend #100 Diamond Match Co.	31.50
3/30/14	Dividend #101 Diamond Match Co. Stock	52.50
4/ 3/13	Quarterly interest Northern Pacific R.R.Co.	80.00
4/ 9/13	" " " " " "	80.00
4/ 3/13	Interest N.Y. Cent. & H.R.R. Co.	175.00
10/20/13	Dividend Chautauqua Hotel Co.	1400.00
4/ 9/13	Rent A.D. Ellis	8.00
4/22/13	" " "	8.00
4/22/13	" " "	8.00
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1/28/14	" " "	8.00
3/30/14	" " "	16.00
5/27/13	Star Planing Mill Rent	200.00
8/18/13	" " " "	100.00
	Cash received not appraised	183.70
	Cash received from R.A.Miller Jr. to pay part of Chautauqua inst. bill	8.10
	Cash from Estate as per inventory	608.59
		$ 3379.89
	Payments as per list	3274.06
	Balance in bank.....	105.83
	Check deposited Aug 3-1914	104.50
		$210.33

Claims unsettled

Note held by Citizens Savings & Trust Co. Cleveland,Ohio	
Goodrich Stock held as collateral $3700.00	3700.00
Less proceeds from sale of 135 shares Goodrich Common @ 26 less broker's commission & interest	3434.92
	265.08
Guth & Hammel, Groceries	568.74
Akron Real Estate Board, Appraising	85.00
Musser, Kimber & Hoffman, Lawyers	140.00
John McGregor,Jr. Lawyer	410.89
	$ 1469.71

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

DATE PAID	PAYMENTS		
4 /7/13	The Akron Brush Works - 1/2 doz.	brooms	$ 3.50
4/ 7/13	The Akron Taxicab & Trans.Co. -	Cab & Transfer	1.75
4/ 7/13	Brewster Coal Co. -	Coal	20.71
4/ 7/13	Chautauqua Institution	Expenses at Chaut.	23.05
4/ 7/13	The Citizens Svgs. & Trust Co.-	Int. on Collat. Loan	46.25
4/ 7/13	Dr. Wm. S. Chase	Consultation	5.00
4/ 7/13	The Collins Drug Co.	Graduate Med.Glass	.20
4/ 7/13	The Cowell & Hubbard Co.	Cards,Envelope & Plate	7.00
4/ 7/13	Day Drug Co.	Medicals	1.85
4/ 7/13	The Dodge Co. Inc.	Repairing Chair	1.75
4/ 7/13	J.S. Farnbauch	Meats	35.03
4/ 7/13	The 1st-2nd Nat'l Bank of Akron	Rent of Safe	3.00
4/ 7/13	The Kloges Coal & Ice Co.	Ice	2.00
4/ 7/13	W.W. Leonard M.D.	Professional Service	97.00
4/ 7/13	John H. Lowman	Professional Service	50.00
4/ 7/13	The Likly & Rocket Trunk Co.	Repairing Trunks	6.00
4/ 7/13	Julia Newbury	Milliner Service	5.75
4/ 7/13	The Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co.	Electrical Supplies	23.25
4/ 7/13	The M. O'Neil Co.	Dry Goods	10.60
4/ 7/13	The Pettitt Bros. Hdwe Co.	Supplies	1.97
4/ 7/13	H.H. Porter	Paint	2.76
4/ 7/13	J. Rutherford & Son	Supplies	20.90
4/ 7/13	The Williams Foundry & Mach. Co.	Supplies	1.72
4/ 7/13	C.H. Yeager & Co.	Loan 30 Sherbets	.75
4/18/13	The Citizens Svgs. & Trust Co.	Int. on Collat.Loan	46.94
5/26/13	The Akron Pure Milk Co.	Milk & Cream	34.00
5/26/13	Chautauqua Inst.	Expenses	1.75
5/26/13	The Kraus-Kirn Co.	Heating Supplies	104.26
5/26/13	J.A. Gehres	Survey & Maps	47.50
5/26/13	The Hardware & Sup.Co.	7 pieces of glass	3.41
5/26/13	The Read-Benzol Co.	Cleaning dresses &c.	17.95
5/26/13	The Union Rubber Co.	Invalid Cushions &c.	6.33
5/26/13	Von Kanel Groc. Co.	Groceries &c.	.99
5/26/13	The Wiener Bros. Co.	Fruits	1.80
6/ 5/13	The Davey Tree Expert Co.	Tree Surgery	227.25
8/29/13	The Citz. Svgs. & Trust Co.	Int. on Collat. Loan	53.24
10/10/13	" " " " "	" " " "	55.50
10/20/13	Jas. P. Boyd	Professional Service	1.50
10/20/13	Benedict & Muller	Storage on Coat	4.50
10/20/13	Chautauqua Inst.	Chautauqua Expenses	19.50
10/20/13	J.S. Farnbauch	Meats	8.73
10/20/13	The Summit Lumber Bldg. Co.	Lumber & Carpenter Work	328.10
10/20/13	Wilds & Davidson	Paving Drive-Way	250.00
1/ 6/14	The Citz.Svgs.& Trust Co.	Int. on Col.Loan	55.50
5/26/13	The Billow Sons Co.	Funeral Expenses	578.00
10/20/13	The Adamson Mach. Co.	Cross and crown	160.00
10/20/13	The Akron Rural Cemetery State	Vault	67.00
10/20/13	Akron Monumental Works	Marker	70.00
5/26/13	Rowley, Mather & Eagleson	Legal Services	10.00
5/26/13	O.E. Lytle	Probate Court Costs	8.65
10/10/13	O.E. Lytle	Probate Court Costs	12.15
11/24/13	Chas. Haas	Notary fee	.50
11/24/13	E.L. Widrig	Taxes	7.95
11/24/13	Floyd M. Thomas	"	12.82
1/ 6/14	Wm. H. Kroeger	"	298.75
1/12/14	Grace Miller	Taxes 1912	241.06
2/ 6/14	Hardware Supply Co.	Supplies	21.34
2/19/14	Guth & Hammel on a/c		100.00
4/22/14	Akron Rural Cemetery	Care of lot	15.00
4/22/14	Harper Drug Co.	Drugs	16.35
4/22/14	O.E. Lytle Probate Judge	Fees	5.90
4/22/14	Paul Bros.	Description	5.00
4/28/14	Central Telep.Co.	Telegrams	3.05
			$ 3274.06

THE MILLER LAND CO.
9 WILCOX BUILDING, S. MAIN ST.
BOTH PHONES 743.

LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

AKRON, OHIO, May 5, 1914.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

Dear Sister Mina:

A few days ago I received a copy of a memorandum of agreement made by John McGreagor for a Trustee of the Oak Place. There is one or two things in it that I think ought to be different; in the first place I think it ought to include the house and that part set aside in Mother's will as well as the rest of it, I hardly think its fair to leave that part of it and not be able to sell the house if you have a good opportunity to do so. Also be able to lot the remaining part of the property so as to harmonize with that part that the house is situated on. If Grace, Mary and you wish to keep the house, and a certain amount of land about it, it seems to me the best thing to do would be for you three to buy out the interest of the other heirs so as not to have any trouble in disposing of that part of the estate. I hardly think it fair for the rest of the heirs, for Grace to try to keep the house as I do not think we will get any more money for that part of the estate than we can get now. Keeping the house is a great expense and unless it is kept up right, the repairs, wear and tear will more than eat up the difference than what you would realize on it by holding it. I think the Trustee to have the right to sell that part of it as well as the rest of it if he had a chance.

The other change in the agreement is the price on the lots, they should be so fixed that there could not be any dispute over the price. If the Trustee sees fit to put a price on the lots, every other one or every third one, and hold the balance for a higher price, that would be all right, but for the estate or brother and sister to fix a price on the lots later on, I can see where there will be a dispute and friction right away, therefore, I think the price should be fixed in the start and the Trustee can hold what he thinks best for higher prices without any further orders from the heirs. I hope I have made my views on this agreement plain as possible, and regretting that I have not answered before, but you being in Florida and certain things happening to me here in Akron, I neglected to do so.

Trusting that you and all are well and that I will see you sometime next month, I am,

Your brother,

Lewis

Mrs Edison

A copy of this was sent to all the heirs with a request that they advise you if it meets with their approval Hazen

AGREEMENT relative to the division of Oak Place dated June 22, 1914.

We, the undersigned, agree to the following division of Oak Place:

(1) That the entire property, including house and adjoining land, be plotted into lots.

(2) That the entire property, including house and adjoining land, set aside for Grace by mother's will, be appraised by lots by a board appointed by Mrs. Mina M. Edison.

(3) That three uninterested parties or a board selected by Mrs. Mina M. Edison apportion these lots into eight blocks of equal value.

(4) That Ira and Lewis shall agree to exchange their blocks, if necessary, so that their blocks shall be adjacent and so located as to leave the balance of the property, including the plot now held by Grace, to be one uninterrupted block.

(5) That the undersigned shall draw lots for one block each and, if necessary, adjustment and transfer shall be made as specified under item 4.

(6) That the remaining six heirs agree to keep intact the plot about the house now held by Grace and further that Grace will continue to occupy the house and plot in accordance with mother's will.

(7) That the six remaining heirs agree to combine their individual blocks into a pool and said combined portion to be managed and disposed of as afterwards agreed to by them.

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LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

AKRON, OHIO, July 1,1914.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Orange New Jersey,

Dear sister Mina:

A few days ago I received a typewritten agreement on signed that was gotten up by t wo or three, and forwarded t o me, the agreement is all right, except number 4. The reason that I object t o this part of it, is that it requires me to exchange the block part ial that may come to me, whether I care for or not.

My idea has been expired two or three times, that Oak Place should be divided up in eight equal parts, and then have a drawing, and after t he drawing if any one wishes to ~~consume~~ exchange their parts or exchange them for any other part, it can be done by agreement among themselves.

I hardly think it is fair to divide Oak Place witha stringtied to it. The place has t o be divided and adjustments made some day, and I cannot see why we cannot do it now, and it would be far better for us to do it, than to wait any longer.

It seems that of late great stress on looking after Grace, if Grace wishes to keep the house she can diker or exchange with the other brothers and sisters, after the drawing, as well as to compell ~~is~~ t o agree t o article number 4 before the drawing is done.

My idea is that except last agreement that the mail, and by expepting article 4 for me to transfer my portion to Grace, whether I cared to or not. It may happen that I rather transfer my portion to ~~anot~~ another member or some ~~time~~ one else, than to Grace, ~~now.~~

As far as Grace having the home as st ated in mother's will, t hat is all right. I have no objection to that, but I thinkall times has ~~now~~, ~~is to do it~~, t o divide the property, and it should be done before any complication ~~could wish for~~. What if something should happen to you or to Ira, immediately brings in from three to five more in the settlement of these affairs.

The house might as well be divided now, better than later. Now for Grace can trade with one another, ~~it~~ until she gets the part she wants. I hope I have made this plain to you and show you the portion and the statement in this matter, and am doing it in good faith and am friendly with you. I feel we have been so long in deciding what to do with the place, that I t hink it is very unfair to any of the heirs to linger or to post pone the division of Oak Place any longer.

Your loving brother,

Lewis

(over)

Mothers will was that each of her children should have one eighth of her property. I think if we are going to divide up the property we should do it as Mother wished. Share if any one wishes to exchange it is up to them.

Your Bro.
Louis

JOHN MacGREGOR, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
~~CLEVELAND TRUST BUILDING~~
1206 Williamson Building,
CLEVELAND September 11th, 1914.

Estate of Mary V. Miller.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Orange, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I received today from Mr. Musser copy of his letter of September 4th to you, with the papers therein referred to as having been forwarded to me, viz.: (1) A copy of the Memorandum of Trust relating to the Chautauqua Hotel Company stock, (2) Instrument authorizing Hotel Company to transfer and reissue to you individually the entire 350 shares of stock, (3) Two copies of instrument authorizing Mr. Musser and myself to arrange for a subdivision, plat and valuation of the Oak Place property. All of these papers bear the signatures of Lewis A., Ira M. and Grace Miller. The delay in sending them to me was occasioned by Mr. Musser's inability, in spite of repeated efforts, to get in touch with Edward. He talked with Edward yesterday but the latter declined to sign any of the papers, stating that you had asked him not to sign them. I enclose all of the instruments named except the Memorandum of Trust which you will not need as you already have three copies. The character and purpose of these instruments were explained to you in my letter of August 29th, but copies of them may not have been sent you.

I still believe it to be desirable to trustee the Hotel Company stock as contemplated. The stock must be handled by you as Executrix in one of two ways only. It may be sold under an order of the Court for the purpose of paying debts of the estate, or it may be distributed in kind under an order of the Court to the beneficiaries under the will. If distributed in kind it would certainly seem that the stock could be handled to better advantage for all concerned and for all purposes if handled as an entirety. It must be borne in mind that some considerable time may elapse before a sale can be negotiated. The disposition of any part of the stock by one or more of the individual holders would weaken the position of the remaining holders in several ways, one being that it would almost certainly fix the top price that could be secured for the balance and it might lessen the chance of selling the balance at any price. The various papers required to consummate the trust were prepared at one time so as to relieve you as much as possible of the burden of transmitting separate papers to the various members of the family with the necessary explanations that would have to be made by you in each instance; and with the further thought that each member of the family, having all of the papers in hand for execution, would better understand the purpose and effect of the transaction. I trust that you will not hesitate for a moment to suggest any successor in trust whose appointment may for any reason appear preferable to you. My own feeling is that it would be better for some member of the family

to act as trustee. If the trust is to be entered into the papers should be signed by all of the beneficiaries under the will, including the minor son of your brother Robert. The instrument directed to the Hotel Company, however, should be signed by, in place of the minor, his guardian.

As regards the Oak Place property, it was very evident to Mr. Musser and me that the matter will have to be worked out along the lines indicated in my letter to you, and that the first and essential step to be taken is to arrange for the proper subdivision and valuation of the property. It was suggested that we should undertake to make the necessary arrangements. I entertained no doubt as to your approval of this general plan and so stated at the time. Edward raised the question yesterday, in his talk with Mr. Musser, as to the employment of more than one attorney. As regards the matter of expense I gave you my views yesterday. I may add, however, that so far as concerns administration of the estate very little remains to be done, and so far as concerns the real estate I can see a distinct advantage to you all in having an attorney on the ground in Akron. If it would relieve the situation in any way I should be pleased to withdraw. Please let me know your wishes in this respect.

If the lots in Cuyahoga County are to be offered for sale there should be a memorandum signed by all of the parties in interest authorizing the sale at the best price obtainable but not less than $200.00 per lot, the amount which Mr. Smythe believes can be secured.

Very truly yours,

John MacMorgan

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Edison, T.A. -
Family -
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MRS. ROBERT A. MILLER

ROBERT A. MILLER, JR.

ROBERT A. MILLER
MANUFACTURER
PORTO RICAN NEEDLE WORK
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Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Glenmont,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

NEW YORK CITY, September 18, 1914.

Dear Aunt Mina:

Your very good letter of the 16th instant addressed to Mother has duly come to hand, and she and I have discussed the matter of the division of the estate and the conference of Uncle Ira, Uncle Ed, Uncle Lew, Mr. McGregor, and Mr. Musser, and have concluded that they out in Akron will not agree to much of any other terms than those as set forth in the letter from Mr. McGregor---in which, incidently, no mention of this branch of the family was made, probably by oversight. However, we feel that it ought to be long considered before Grand-Mother's will is broken, and we feel that the best thing to do is to follow the division as set forth in this letter of Mr. McGregors, letting the three members from Akron have their shares, and the rest of us, consisting of yourself, Aunt Grace, Aunt Mame, Uncle John, and us, pool our shares, and let Aunt Grace have the use of the house during her life or until she is married, IF she thinks she wants to hang onto it, and pay the charges. I doubt if she will, for long, after we have come to an agreement. Furthermore, we feel very strongly that we are wasting our substance in all this dealing with lawyers, and in going to them to settle details of affairs that we, the family, should be able to settle without their intervention. Therefore, any way which is the quickest way to settle the matter is the way we want to take. It seems to us that in a very short time that which looks like a great deal on paper, and in view of the land involved, will soon be quite easily represented actually by a decimal point and a

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single insignificant digit following some ciphers ~~etc~~ represent the value of the property to Grand-Mother's heirs, and the balance will represent the value to the lawyers who have "settled" it for us. So far as this particular little group of the family is concerned, Grand-Mother appointed o you and Father as her executors, and just as we should have abided by the decisions reached by you and Father and would have expected the rest of the family also to do, so will we abide by the decisions which you may make after mature deliberation. Frankly, so far as I myself am concerned, I should like very much to have the whole thing settled up and straightened out, and I think the rest of the whole family are in accord with that sentiment. Let's get the matter settled at once so far as those who seem to object are concerned, and then the remaining members can settle the final way of dividing to suit our-selves. It seems to me that the plan as set forth in the second paragraph of Mr. McGregor's letter to you under date of August 29th should prove quite satisfactory. It would seem to include the plans of all the members, and meets with the approval of those in Akron. Lets agree to it, swallow our pride, and settle the matter.

We shall be very glad to co-operate with you in every way that we can, and hope that the matter may soon be settled.

What, may I ask, are the lots in Cuyahoga County? Are they your own personal property, or part of the estate? If the latter, I wonder if it would be asking too much to ask you to let us have a list of all the assets of the estate, small though it may be? We would greatly appreciate having such a list, and also a list of the liabilities, as it would give us

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at least an inteligent idea of what matters were under discussion. Do you not think that would be a good plan, as it would make it possible for us to give you a better idea of what we thought of things, when asked about them. And too, don't you think that maybe it would be just as well for all interested parties to know of just what the estate consists, even if as you have many times told me it may mean little or nothing as the share of any individual one?

Hoping that this matter of the Oak Place property may be soon settled and that lawyers fees will not consume the whole of it, before it is settled, I am,

Your loving nephew,

Robert A. Miller Jr.

Attorney
For Mrs. Robert A. Miller;
For Mrs. Louise Igoe Miller as attorney for Lewis Miller, minor;
For Miss Rachel Alice Miller;
For Robert A. Miller Jr.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, Executrix.

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JOHN MacGREGOR, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
~~CLEVELAND TRUST BUILDING~~
1206 Williamson Building,
CLEVELAND October 14th, 1914.

Real Estate Trust.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I have, as requested, redrawn the contract proposed to be entered into for the purpose of trusteeing the real estate, so as to provide for management of the property by the Committee. I enclose a copy of the contract and am sending copies also to the members of the Committee.

I enclose also a copy of my letter of this date to your brother John, in which are some comments in explanation of certain provisions of the contract and of the situation in general.

Very truly yours,

John MacGregor Jr.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

1206 Williamson Building,
October 14th, 1914.

Real Estate Trust.

Mr. John V. Miller,

Orange, N. J.

My dear John:

Not having heard from you to the contrary I assume that no changes were made in the contract naming the Committee of three who are to have charge of the property and defining their powers and duties. I have, therefore, had five additional copies made and enclose them herewith, so that a copy may be furnished to each of the parties in interest.

I have, as requested, redrawn the contract defining the terms on which the real estate is to be trusteed and a copy is enclosed. I am sending copies also to the other members of the Committee and to Mrs. Edison. I have prepared the contract in such form that it may be executed, as soon as its general provisions are satisfactory, and the title conveyed to the trustee, without waiting for completion of the survey, adoption of sale prices and restrictions, etc. As you will note these are to be furnished to the trustee later - properly identified and then attached to the contract. Copy should also be attached to at least one of the contracts in possession of the Committee. There are to be four original contracts, one for the trustee and one for each member of the Committee. I also provided that notice of action of the Committee on important matters shall be filed with the trustee and placed with the contract. This will enable anyone entitled to the information to get at the situation readily from examination of papers in possession of the trustee.

The restrictions ought to be determined upon as soon as the property has been platted. If you will then advise me of them I shall be pleased to put them in proper form. They need not, of course, be uniform as to all of the property, but when adopted will have to be strictly adhered to, and to assure this should appear in every contract for the sale of any of the land as well as in the deed. It would be advisable to have forms of deeds and contracts printed.

There are certain practical matters to be determined by the Committee as indicated by the blanks in the contract.

I believe that the trustee ought to undertake this work on the basis of 2% of down payments and 5% of deferred payments. In order that you may know the terms that can be had in Cleveland I shall take the matter up with The Cleveland Trust Company and advise you or Edward, as may be preferred. You should be able to secure as favorable terms in Akron.

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Mr. John V. Miller, #2
October 14th, 1914.

It has seemed to me that the bookkeeping may be done by the trustee more satisfactorily perhaps than by the Committee and probably without much if any additional expense. I have not provided, however, for the trustee taking active steps to collect payments as they become due. The trustee ought to send out notices but probably would not consent to follow delinquents up by personal call without additional compensation. The trustee might notify the Committee of delinquents and the Committee could then undertake the collection for the bank. Please let me know as to how the Committee would like this handled, as the contract ought to state definitely what is to be done in this regard.

I have assumed that Lewis Miller 2nd is still a minor, and the contract, as regards his interest, is based on this assumption. If of age he also should join in the contract. If a minor it will be necessary to have his guardian file a petition in the probate court of Summit County for authority to sell the minor's interest at private sale. This interest should be sold at its appraised value to one of the other parties and the title so purchased then conveyed to the trustee. Please advise me as to Lewis's age and the name of his guardian, if he now has a guardian. I shall then correspond with the guardian in order to secure the data which must be set forth in the petition. It may not be possible to complete this proceeding by the time the other matters are in final form; but with the proceeding pending there should be no practical difficulty in going forward with sales of the property, as arrangement can be made through the trustee for protection of purchasers meanwhile.

As the plan calls for conveyance of all the real estate to the trustee it will be necessary to redeem the Cleveland property, which consists, as you may remember, of four lots on the outskirts of the city. In redeeming this land it may be possible to have the matter handled in such a way as not to show any record title in Lewis Miller 2nd. This would avoid the necessity of including the Cleveland land in the proceedings to be brought by the guardian and save expense of appraisal, etc. As I wrote to Mrs. Edison some weeks ago, Mr. A. B. Smythe, formerly Manager of the real estate department of The Cleveland Trust Company, believes that he can dispose of these four lots at $200.00 each. I believe that Mr. Smythe will handle the matter well, and, unless the Committee has some other plan in view, recommend placing the property with him for sale.

Kindly advise me of the Committee's conclusions as to those matters which are left for determination, as well as any changes that may be desired, and I shall be pleased to redraw the contract accordingly.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

We, the undersigned, being the owners of all the real estate of which Mary V. Miller, late of Akron, Ohio, died sieze, and desiring to have our interests in said premises handled as an entirety, have agreed and hereby do agree, each with the other and all of the others as follows:

1. The entire control and management of said real estate is hereby vested in a Committee composed of Edward B. Miller and Grace Miller, of Akron, Ohio, and John V. Miller, of Orange, New Jersey, who are authorized to act on any and all matters by majority vote. In event of the death or resignation of any member of the Committee a successor may be appointed by action of three fourths in interest of the undersigned, their heirs or assigns. Until such successor is appointed the remaining members of the Committee shall have authority to exercise all powers conferred on the full Committee. This agreement is to be operative for a period of two years from date thereof, but the Committee may be discharged and a new Committee appointed at any time by action of three fourths in interest of the undersigned, their heirs or assigns.

2. The title to said real estate shall forthwith be conveyed to such trust company as may be selected by the Committee, and be held upon the terms set forth in a memorandum of trust to be determined upon by the Committee and entered into between such grantee and the undersigned. The execution of this instrument by Grace Miller is without prejudice to the special interest held by her in a portion of said premises under the will of said decedent.

3. Express power and authority are hereby granted to the Committee as follows:

To select and employ engineers, surveyors and appraisers to plat, subdivide and value any part or all of said real estate.

To contract for such grading of said premises and for construction thereon of such drains, sewers, sidewalks, curbing and pavements as the Committee may deem advisable.

To sell any part or all of said premises, and to lease any part or parts thereof, at such prices and upon such terms as the Committee may determine; and for such purpose the Committee shall select and employ a competent real estate agent or agents.

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To cause such restrictions as to the use thereof to be imposed upon said premises, or any part thereof, as the Committee may deem advisable.

To contract for building improvements upon said premises of such character as the Committee may determine, not exceeding in cost, however, at any time the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, ($12,500.00), unless the written consent of three fourths in interest of the undersigned, their heirs or assigns, shall first be obtained.

4. All payments due on sales or leases of said premises shall be made to the trustee under said memorandum of trust and be held and disposed of as therein set forth. Of the funds that may be received by the trustee the Committee is empowered to have the trustee accumulate and maintain at all times for the benefit for the Committee a working capital of Five Thousand Dollars, ($5,000.00), and to cause the same to be expended for any improvements that may be made on said premises and for any expenses and charges that may be incurred by the Committee under the provisions of this instrument. For the purpose of financing such improvements the Committee is further empowered to make such loan or loans, at any time or from time to time, not exceeding, however, in the aggregate the sum of Seventy Five Hundred Dollars, ($7,500.00), unless the consent in writing of three fourths in interest of the undersigned, their heirs or assigns, be first obtained, as the Committee may deem advisable, and to procure the execution of such instruments as may be required to secure any such loan by a valid lien upon said premises.

5. The Committee shall render quarterly reports to each of the parties in interest, with data as to all sales and leases made, improvements undertaken, moneys received, expenses and charges incurred and payments made, since date of the last previous report.

6. The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands at Akron, Ohio,

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this first day of October, 1914.

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

We, the undersigned, being the Committee therein named, hereby agree to act in the capacity, for the purposes and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the foregoing instrument.

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_____
COMMITTEE.

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THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made at Akron, Ohio, this _____ day of October 1914 by and between Ira M. Miller, Edward B. Miller, Lewis A. Miller and Grace Miller, all of Akron, Ohio, Mina M. Edison and John V. Miller both of Orange, New Jersey, and Mary M. Nichols, Robert A. Miller and Rachael A. Miller, all of the City of New York, New York, the FIRST PARTIES, and the _____ Company, a Corporation, of Akron, Ohio, the SECOND PARTY, is to WITNESS: That

WHEREAS First Parties being the owners of all of the real estate of which Mary V. Miller, late of Akron, Ohio, died siezed, and desiring to have their interests in said premises handled as an entirety, have heretofore placed the control and management of said premises in the hands of a Committee composed of said Edward B. Miller, Grace Miller and John V. Miller, under a Memorandum dated October ____, 1914, a copy of which marked "Exhibit A" is hereto attached; and,

WHEREAS First Parties at the request of said Committee have executed and delivered to Second Party their certain warranty deed, bearing even date herewith (the wives and husbands of such of First Parties as are married having joined in said deed for the purpose of releasing their respective dower interests) conveying to Second Party all of said real estate, for the description of which premises reference is hereby made to said deed; and,

WHEREAS, The deed of said premises being in form absolute, it is desirable to evidence the trust and agreement upon which such conveyance has been made,

NOW THEREFORE THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH the agreement of First Parties, both jointly and severally, with Second Party and the agreement of First Parties, each with the other and all of the others as follows, to-wit:

Interests of beneficiaries

1. Such conveyance has been made and the title thereby conveyed is held by Second Party in trust for the benefit of First Parties, and of Lewis Miller 2nd of the City of New York, New York, a minor, and their respective heirs and assigns, the said Ira M. Miller, Edward B. Miller, Lewis A. Miller, Mina M. Edison, Mary M. Nichols, Grace Miller and John V. Miller, having each

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an undivided 1/8 beneficial interest in said trust and the said Robert A. Miller, Rachael A. Miller and Lewis Miller 2nd having each an undivided 1/24 beneficial interest in said trust.

Purpose of conveyance.

The purpose of the grantors in making such conveyance is to provide a means for securing prompt execution and delivery of all papers that may be required in making sales and conveyances and leases of said premises, collection of all moneys to become due thereon and disbursement of such funds as hereinafter provided.

Allotment.

2. Said premises are to be alloted by survey of _____, of _____, Ohio, and are to be offered for sale by sales agents, selected by the Committee, according to a schedule of prices to be adopted by the Committee. A blue print of such survey and a copy of such schedule marked respectively "Exhibit B" and "Exhibit C", and signed for identification by the Committee, shall be filed by the Committee with Second Party and shall thereupon be attached to this instrument. Copies of said exhibits shall be delivered by the Committee to the sales agents.

Schedule of prices.

Amendment of Schedule.

Said schedule may be amended in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, by the Committee. Written notice of any such amendment, signed by the Committee, shall, forthwith following its adoption, be filed with Second Party. Upon receipt of such notice Second Party shall attach the same to said schedule and shall forthwith mail a copy thereof to the persons who may at such time be acting as sales agents.

Sales Agents.

3. The Committee have appointed _____ of Akron, Ohio, as agents to handle the sale of such premises as are located in Akron, and _____, of Cleveland, Ohio, as agents to handle the sale of such premises as are located in Cleveland.

Termination of Agency.

The agency of said _____ and _____, or of any parties who may succeed them, may at any time be terminated and other agents appointed in their place by the Committee. In every such case written notice of the termination of the agency and of the appointment of other agents, signed by the Committee,

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shall be filed with Second Party. Upon receipt of such notice Second Party shall forthwith send by registered mail a copy of said notice to the parties whose agency is so terminated.

Agents' Commissions.

The agents so appointed and acting at any given time shall be entitled to receive a commission of _____ per cent. of the sale price of each and every part of said premises sold by such agents, and such commission for negotiating leases of said premises as the Committee may determine. The Committee shall notify Second Party in writing, or shall cause Second Party to be so notified by the sales agents, of each and every sale that shall be made of any part of said premises and of the terms of sale.

In regard to Sales.

Payments by purchasers.

Delivery of deeds, contracts, etc.

4. All payments upon sales shall be made by the purchasers to Second Party. If the sale be for cash, Second Party shall execute and, on payment to it of the purchase price, deliver to the purchaser a good and sufficient deed of the premises so purchased with covenants of limited warranty, and restrictions as hereinafter provided. If such sale be in part for cash and the balance in deferred payments, Second Party shall execute and, on receipt by it of such cash payment, deliver to the purchaser a proper contract for the premises so purchased embodying the terms of purchase, which contract, unless Second Party be otherwise instructed by the Committee, shall expressly provide for payment of the balance of such purchase price within _____ years from date thereof, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable semi-annually, and payment by the purchaser of all taxes and assessments on said premises. No sale calling for deferred payments shall, unless expressly accepted by the Committee, be binding, or be recognized by Second Party, unless _____% or more of the purchase price be paid to Second Party in cash.

Whenever any purchaser, who shall have paid 50% or more of the total purchase price specified in his contract with Second Party, shall request Second Party to deliver a deed of the premises so purchased and shall surrender such contract and execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered to Second Party a note and mortgage in form acceptable to Second Party for the remaining unpaid portion of said purchase price, payable within _____ years

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from the date of said contract, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable semi-annually, or shall pay or cause to be paid the balance due on said contract in cash, Second Party shall coincident therewith execute and deliver to such purchaser, or his nominee, a deed as above set forth of the premises so purchased. Second Party shall deliver with each deed to the grantee named in the deed a certificate of title of the premises thereby conveyed.

Restrictions.

Every deed executed and delivered under the provisions of this instrument shall contain restrictive covenants to be adopted by the Committee. A statement of such covenants, marked "Exhibit D" and signed for identification by the Committee, shall be filed by the Committee with Second Party, and shall thereupon be attached to this instrument.

Distribution of proceeds of sales.

5. From payments made to it on any sale, Second Party shall pay to the sales agent the commission due such agent upon such sale, and shall also pay or reserve the charges for a certificate of title of the premises sold. All funds received by Second Party over and above such commissions and charges shall be retained by Second Party until Second Party has accumulated a fund of Five Thousand Dollars, ($5,000.00), as a capital account for the Committee, to be expended as provided by the terms of said "Exhibit A"; and has accumulated in addition thereto a fund sufficient to pay all taxes and assessments and insurance premiums on said premises for one year, such fund to be expended as directed by the Committee. Any and all funds in excess of amounts required to replace withdrawals from said capital account and from said fund for taxes and other charges above set forth and to provide for payment of commissions and charges for certificates of title shall be distributed by Second Party quarterly, on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year, to First Parties and Lewis Miller 2nd, or their respective heirs or assigns, according to their respective interests as hereinabove set forth; provided, however, that when and as often as funds in possession of Second Party shall amount to the sum of Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000.00), or more, in excess of the sums required to be reserved or paid by Second Party as above set forth, Second Party shall make immediate distribution of such excess funds to the parties entitled thereto.

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Portion of premises subject to special interest.

6. A portion of the premises so conveyed to Second Party is subject to a special interest in Grace Miller, as provided in the last will of said Mary V. Miller, deceased, and expressly reserved in said deed of conveyance to Second Party. It is understood that no part of such portion of said premises shall be sold unless the written consent of Grace Miller to such sale shall have first been obtained; but that in event of giving such consent Grace Miller will join with Second Party in execution and delivery of any and all instruments that may be required to complete such sale. The net proceeds of sale shall be retained by Second Party until there shall have been filed with Second Party written instructions, signed by all of First Parties, or their heirs then of legal age or assigns, as to the distribution of such proceeds, to the end that Grace Miller may receive due compensation for the relinquishment of her special interest in such premises; provided, however, that if Grace Miller shall waive her special interest in the proceeds of sale, distribution of such proceeds shall then be made as provided in Article 5 of this instrument.

Limitation of responsibility of Second Party.

7. It is expressly understood and agreed that, in accepting title to the premises above mentioned, Second Party does not assume any responsibility as to the validity of the titles conveyed to it, or as to the management and care of said premises or the payment of taxes and assessments thereon, further than to pay out of funds which it may accumulate for such purpose taxes and assessments and other charges in accordance with provisions of Article 5 of this instrument.

Interest on balances.

8. On any and all balances in its possession Second Party shall allow and pay from time to time interest in accordance with the rules governing deposits in its Savings Department.

Second Party shall render to First Parties semi-annually, on the first day of January and July of each year, a statement showing all amounts of cash received, held and distributed by it, and all notes, mortgages, contracts and leases in its possession.

Compensation of Second Party.

9. Second Party shall receive in full compensation for services to be rendered by it in the performance of this trust ___% of all down payments made by purchasers of said premises, and ___% of all sums of money that shall thereafter be paid to it by purchasers upon their respective contracts and mortgage notes.

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Termination of Trust.

10. This trust may be terminated at the option of the majority in interest of First Parties, or their respective heirs or assigns, upon service by them on Second Party of written notice of their election to terminate the same. On receipt of such notice Second Party shall pay and duly assign and deliver to First Parties and Lewis Miller 2nd, or their respective heirs or assigns, in accordance with their respective interests as above set forth, all of the moneys, notes, mortgages, contracts and other papers in its possession, less, however, such sum or sums as may be due it for services to such date, or may be due for charges, relating to said premises, for which Second Party shall have become liable in accordance with the provisions of this instrument- all of which sums it is expressly authorized to retain; and shall further convey to First Parties and said Lewis Miller 2nd, or their respective heirs or assigns, in accordance with their respective interests as above set forth, or to the nominees of First Parties and Lewis Miller 2nd, all portions of said premises to which Second Party shall then hold the legal title, provided any and all loans secured by lien on said premises shall theretofore have been paid; and shall also render a statement, as provided in Article 8 of this instrument, covering all transactions had by it since the date of its last previous statement.

Contract binding on heirs, etc.

11. The provisions of this instrument shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the respective heirs or assigns of First Parties and the successor, if any, of Second Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, First Parties have hereunto set their hands, and Second Party, to evidence its acceptance of such trust has hereunto caused its corporate name and seal to be affixed by its proper officers thereunto duly authorized, this instrument being executed in four originals, the day and year first above written.

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

FIRST PARTIES

The _____ Company,

By _____ President,

_____ Secretary,

SECOND PARTY.

Portion of premises subject to special interest.

6. A portion of the premises so conveyed to Second Party is subject to a certain special interest in Grace Miller, as provided in the last will of said Mary V. Miller, deceased, and expressly reserved in said deed of conveyance to Second Party. No part of such portion of said premises shall be sold unless there be filed with Second Party the consent in writing of Grace Miller to the sale thereof, and also a stipulation, signed by all of First Parties, or their heirs then of legal age or assigns, as to the value of such special interest in the premises to be sold, to the end that Grace Miller may receive upon such sale due compensation for the relinquishment of her special interest in such premises. In case such consent and stipulation be so filed Grace Miller shall join with Second Party in the execution and delivery of any and all instruments that may be required to complete such sale and to effect conveyance of such premises free and clear of her said special interest. From the net proceeds of sale, the value of such special interest, as fixed by said stipulation, shall forthwith be paid to said Grace Miller, and the balance of such proceeds shall be distributed as provided in Article 5 of this instrument.

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Akron, Ohio, _____ 1914.

The _____ Company,

Akron, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I hereby waive my special interest, referred to in Article 6 of the contract between Ira M. Miller et al and your Company, dated _____ 1914, in the premises hereinafter described, and waive as to such premises (but not as to any other premises affected thereby) the provisions of said Article in my favor, and I authorize you on making sale of said premises to distribute the proceeds of sale as provided in Article 5 of said contract.

Said premises are described as follows:

_____

Signed _____

JOHN MacGREGOR, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1206 WILLIAMSON BUILDING

CLEVELAND November 10th, 1914.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

Herewith please find copy of my letter of this date to John V. Miller in reference to the Real Estate Trust, and copies of the enclosures referred to therein.

In your letter of September 15th you stated that you expected to receive a dividend from the Chautauqua Hotel Company in October and would then make me a remittance. I trust that the dividend has been paid as I shall be especially pleased to receive remittance at this time.

Very truly yours,

John MacGregor Jr

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November 10th, 1914.

Real Estate Trust.

Mr. John V. Miller,

Orange, N. J.

My dear John:

I received your letter of November 4th. I have redrawn Article 6 of the contract in order to make its provisions more definite, and enclose a copy of the new draft herewith. As you will note I have omitted reference to a waiver by Grace Miller of her special interest in any part of the premises, as this is unnecessary. I have, however, prepared a form of letter to be used by her in case she wishes at any time to make such a waiver, a copy being also enclosed. This would be required by the Trustee in any event.

As the Trustee is to be charged with the duty of making collections I would also offer the following suggestions:

Article 4. Substitute for first sentence the following:
"All payments upon sales are to be made by the purchasers to Second Party, and Second Party shall, as a part of its general duties hereunder, take all such action as may be required, aside from court proceedings, to effect collection of payments from purchasers as and when the same become due."

Article 5. Substitute for first sentence the following:
"From payments received by it on any sale, Second Party, after first deducting its own charges as hereinafter provided, shall pay to the sales agent the commission due such agent upon such sale, and shall also pay or reserve the charges for a certificate of title of the premises sold."

Article 7. (New). Insert new article as follows:
"Court Proceedings. Second Party shall cause such proceedings to be brought and taken, from time to time, for the purpose of collecting moneys due to the trust and for other purposes relating to the subject of the trust estate, as the Committee may direct, and Second Party shall be entitled to charge to the Trust the reasonable attorney fees and other expenses incurred by it in connection with such proceedings."

Article 7. (Old) Renumber as Article 8 and renumber succeeding sections.

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Mr. John V. Miller, #2,
November 10th, 1914.

It would be well for the Committee to ascertain definitely from the bank, which is to act as trustee, its rules as to payment of interest on funds in its possession, and to then decide as to whether the plan of distributing funds, as provided in Article 5, is satisfactory. It might develop that under the plan in question there would be no interest paid on any funds except the capital account, etc. In Cleveland funds must remain on deposit six months. You may prefer, however, to have earlier distribution made even if interest is lost. I mention this merely for consideration and as one matter to be determined in addition to those referred to in my letter of October 14th.

I am sending copies of this letter and enclosures to the other members of the Committee and to Mrs. Edison.

Very truly yours,

Akron.

Future of Goodrich questionable. Generally agreed better time to buy than sell. Business was bought largely by borrow from Cleveland Goodrich Stock + remainder of Glendale cash is collateral on the loan. We pay 6. on cash rec

received 4 sp cash -
shd. be applied to
loan - Use your
judgement
Grace Miller

ESTATE of MARY V. MILLER,

REPORT of

COMMITTEE on REAL ESTATE,

Jan. 1, 1915.

REPORT of COMMITTEE elected to handle REAL ESTATE
of the MILLER ESTATE

To the Family;-

We would submit the following report of work which the Committee has done since its appointment on Nov.28th/14. The report is divided into four(4) sections, namely as follows;-

(1)- Formal agreements and selection of Trust Co. to act as trustee.
(2)- Oak Place Property.
(3)- Cleveland " .
(4)- Michigan " .

(1) Agreements -

The original agreement concerning method of handling the real estate and dated Oct. 1st/14, has been signed by all members of the family, and we submit a copy of same to each member.

As to the agreement between us and a Trust Co. to act as trustee, we would report that this agreement was drawn up by Mr. John McGregor,Jr.,and submitted to us. It was gone over in detail and corrections and revisions made. In accordance with same, Mr. McGregor has rewritten same, and copies of the revised agreement have just been received.

The Committee expects shortly to submit this Trust Agreement, together with Deed of Oak Place to the Trust Co., for signing.

(2) Oak Place -

After considerable discussion and interviews with various engineers, the Committee finally settled on Mr. Elmer B. Wight, of Cleveland, as consulting engineer, and Mr. George Warner, of Akron, as local engineer, to handle the Oak Place property.

The plan of work was arranged as follows;-

Mr. Warner was to determine accurately the boundary lines of the property, and locate the line bounding the portion set aside by Mother's will for Grace. This plan was to be submitted to Mr. Wight, and when so submitted, Mr. Wight would come to Akron, look over the land, and then plot the property as he thought best.

For this work, Mr. Warner was to receive a stipulated amount per day, and Mr. Wight was to receive $15.00 per trip to Akron, and 62½¢ per hour for time spent by his draftsman in his office. It was thought that two trips to Akron by Mr. Wight would be sufficient.

We are glad to report that Mr. Warner completed his pre-

liminary survey, and when the Committee again met on Nov. 27th, the plan was submitted to Mr. Wight. On Dec. 1st, Mr. Wight came to Akron, and together with Mr. Warner, went over the property, and met with Grace afterward.

Mr. Wight later submitted his ideas of the platting of Oak Place, and several schemes of laying out the ground and handling same are under contemplation.

(3) Cleveland Land -

The Committee, at the meeting of Nov. 27th, investigated this property very thoroughly. We visited the ground and found it to be located on the edge of a large allottment which is now being sold. The lots are on rather high ground, face Grand Division Ave. which is the present boundary line of the city limits. Expectations are that a trolley line will soon be built on this Ave. which will greatly increase the value.

Within about one-half mile is the Garfield Park, and near-by, but just outside the city limits, is another allottment, which is being sold off quite rapidly, and in which lots are bringing $500 to $600. Mr. Wight advised us to hold the lots, as in his estimation, they might soon bring as much as $800.

As far as the Committee at present has learned, the only incumbrance on the lots was the back tax, which amounted to ~~about~~ $120.59. The Committee has paid this amount, and the property is now safely in our hands.

(4) Michigan Land -

In order that we may all know about this property, we think it well to give the following short account of same, which information has been derived from papers given to Committee by Ira.

In the early days of Chautauqua, Mr. John N. Glidden, of Cleveland, became interested in its development, and when Father wished to build a hotel, Mr. Glidden subscribed and paid in cash $20,000 towards the project. Shortly after, Mr. Glidden's financial affairs became involved, and Father lent him $5000. Mr. Glidden gave as security a mortgage on ⅔ interest in certain mining lands in Michigan, also $2000 of 2nd Mortgage Bonds issued by Arnold Iron Ore Co., and a lease of a Chautauqua lot.

The land in question comprised 1319 acres in Crystal Falls Iron District and was located 100 miles from Marquette. In the opinion of a man living in that region, and dated June 10, 1910, the land was worth about $10. an acre.

It appears that Mr. Glidden's affairs became more involved and as no iron of consequence was found, the taxes were allowed to lapse, and finally the land was bought for the taxes - by an outside party.

In payment of the loan, Mr. Glidden returned to Father $1997.50, by cash received thru sale of Chautauqua lot to Mr. Richard T. Higgins.

Later Mr. Glidden endeavored to make further payments thru negotiations with Ira, whereby he was to redeem as much of the land as possible, and sell it. From these negotiations, Mr. Glidden made the following payments;-

Feb. 11, 1904 - $325.00

May 26, 1910 - $ 50.00.

A letter was written to Mr. Glidden, to ascertain the present condition of the property, and whether or not any further money could be realized from sales. We regret to report that the letter was returned, marked "Deceased".

In his letters, Mr. Glidden speaks very highly of Father, of his friendship with him, of his interest in Chautauqua, and of his sincere regrets that he could not repay in full the amount borrowed from Father.

The Committee requests the opinion of the Family as to what further action in this connection should be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Miller

Chairman,

JOHN V. MILLER
E. ORANGE, N. J.

Silver Lake, N. J. Mch. 6, 1915.

My dear Brother or Sister;- Re/ OakPlace Real Estate Trust

Enclosed herewith I send you on behalf of the Committee the copy of the original agreement between the members of the family relative to handling all the real estate thru a Trust agreement and a Trust Co., and a Committee.

This agreement has now been signed by all the members and also by the members of the committee.

Yours affectionately,

J. Miller
Chairman.

June 4, 1915.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison —
Orange, N.J.

Re / Chautauqua Lots —

My dear Mina: —

In order that you may know in writing the moneys received etc. from Louise for rent of home & that lot I submit the following report —

Statement of Receipts & Expenditures —

Rent for year 1913 —			$150.00
Sundry repairs paid for by Louise	$75.57		
Paid to J.V.M. by check		25.00	100.57
Balance due —			$49.43
Rent for year 1914 —			$150.00
Sundry repairs paid for by Louise	$136.87		
Paid to J.V.M. by check		13.13	150.00
Balance due —			
Balance due us for the 2 years —			$49.43

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Mch. 16 Paid by J.V.M. to James H. Prendergast for insurance 4 years to 7/23/19 115.20
Mch. 16 " " J.V.M. for taxes on Lot #16 6.39
$121.59

Bill payable — Chautauqua Institution
Water rent, sewer etc. $19.50

Mina (2) 6/7/15 1911

Tuesday evening I was in N.Y. at Louie's — & had a talk with him about the house — they want more improvements or repairs made —

Gas stove

Fly for tent

Tent floor repaired —

I do not see how I can keep up my end as the rent which is paid — & when I see you we must settle what we are to do —

Louie wants still to buy the place — I would favor leaving it for say 5 yrs & she to keep it in condition — Property to net us clear $100 to $150 per year — I would also be willing to sell my share to you if you want to hold the two lots for say $2000.00 or for an amount appraised by Geo. Rowland. Will see you tomorrow or Sunday so in the meantime think it over —

Very very affectionately & lovingly

John

Enclosure of list of repairs made by Louie —

Mina (3) 6/4/15 191 Chautauqua Lots

List of Repairs 1913 - 1914

1913 -	Painting cottage -	60.00	
	Mending porch -	7.95	
	" balcony -	6.22	
	Putting up tent -	1.40	$75.57
1914 -	Cleaning tank room -	2.00	
	Painting kitchen - Labor -	5.00	
	" dining & sitting rooms - "	12.00	
	" bath room - "	12.00	
	Sundries	2.00	
	Paint brushes etc	16.22	
	Awning -	60.00	
	Electric Lamps -	2.10	
	Mending tent	1.70	
	1 doz. Window shades -	3.00	
	1 " pr. curtains	15.00	
	Porch light	1.60	
	Repairs to porch & chimney	4.00	
	Work on yard	2.00	138.62
	Total		$214.19

J. Miller

D 1915 TAE - Family — Miller, Mary V.

July 9th, 1915.

Mr. Arthur E. Bestor,
Chautauqua Institution,
Chautauqua, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison as Executrix of the will has had charge of settlement of the estate of her mother, the late Mrs. Mary V. Miller, of Akron. Mrs. Edison would like to sell the stock owned by the estate in the Chautauqua Hotel Company, provided satisfactory terms can be agreed upon, and has asked me to arrange with you for a meeting at which the matter can be discussed. I shall endeavor to meet you at Chautauqua, in company with Mrs. Edison or some other representative of the family, at such time as will be most convenient for you and any associates whom you may wish to be present, and shall be pleased in case you are able to name an early date.

Very truly yours,

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

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TAE
-Family
-Miller, Ira

Clem

July 23. 1915

Dear Nina:

Your silence in not answering my letters and telegrams regarding Bond money is making it very embarrassing for me indeed— My taxes have had to go unpaid several promises have had to go unfilled and I am still and I am still in bad repute on account of same. I am doing my best to manage my business affairs and I have telegraph and written you several times why I needed and expected this bond money. I have no confidence in this bond being worth but little if any more The interest is to low and the N.Y. Central securities are not what they once were— independent of the Wall decline. Lots will not sell for cash now days and cash is what I

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

need. I supposed when I signed the Bond last Spring you would send me my share of the proceeds immediately. I have signed every thing you and Mr McGregor have asked me sign and still I am waiting for my money and have been fearfully embarrassed in handling my family affairs which this money would have helped me right along with. You must remember I have quite a little family to look out for and every little bit helps. We are all living just as close as we can. My business is not as productive as it might but I am doing the best I can with it. Hoping times will soon get better. Every mail I look for a letter from you. I am in trouble without this money. For I have promises based on getting this money. If you do not say you have sent me $412.50 by Tuesday I will draw on you

for it. Yours very respectfully

P.S. I am so pleased about our new product

Akron, Ohio, July 28th, 1915.

Received of Mina M. Edison, Executrix of the Last Will of Mary V. Miller, deceased, the sum of $412.50, in full settlement of any and all claims on my part against the estate of said decedent - other than my distributive share of said estate.

Ira M. Miller

Telegraph Mrs. Edison containing terms if she would state facts to Mrs. Robert Miller who is at Chautauqua and she could take up with Bestor

JOHN MAC GREGOR, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1206 WILLIAMSON BUILDING

CLEVELAND July 28th, 1915.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Orange, New Jersey.

Estate of Mary V. Miller

Dear Madam:

In talking with Mr. Ira Miller this afternoon I told him of the correspondence which I had recently had with Mr. Bestor in reference to the Chautauqua Hotel Company stock. He stated that the Board of Directors of the Chautauqua Institution is to hold its semi-annual meeting at Chautauqua next Monday and Tuesday, and expressed the opinion that it would be desirable to take the matter up with Mr. Bestor before the meeting. He believes that the Board would refer the matter to the Executive Committee for investigation and report, and that it will be sometime before any definite action is taken. The attitude of the Committee and probably of the Board itself could be ascertained, and the information would be of value in enabling you and the other members of the family to determine the course that ought to be followed, whether in reference to negotiating further for sale of the stock or arranging for guarantee of the dividend or exchange of the stock for bonds, etc. etc. Aside from this the only advantage that occurs to me in seeing Mr. Bestor before the meeting might lie in possibly changing the way in which the question is presented. If the Board had before it a fair statement of our point of view it might not commit itself definitely against negotiations.

Mr. Miller thinks that the matter had better be taken up with Mr. Bestor on Saturday of this week. Because of his position on the Boards of both the Institution and the Hotel, he feels that he ought not to appear in the negotiations. I make these suggestions to you merely for consideration, so that you may act upon them if it seems to you desirable to do so.

Very truly yours,

John MacGregor Jr.

Telegram

John MacGregor Jr.
#1206 Williamson Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Acquaint Mrs Robt. Miller now at Chautauqua with estates desires regarding stock so she can talk with Mr Beston

Mina M. Edison

W. U. Tel. Co.
7/31/15
10 N. am

Mrs Edison

Please sign check & letter and
I will get the bonds today.

H. F. Miller

9/14/15

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1914

This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1914, along with undated items that were probably generated in 1914. Included is correspondence with George W. Rowland, superintendent of the Chautauqua Institution, regarding the purchase of lots. Also included are letters to and from Harvie E. Heitman, the Edison family's agent in Fort Myers, regarding improvements at Seminole Lodge. Other items pertain to Mina Edison's interest in the genealogy of the Edison family and to her investments in the Edison Phonograph Works. There are numerous letters from Mina's brother Ira M. Miller and other members of the Miller family concerning the estate of Mary Valinda Miller and other family matters. Other correspondents include Walter B. Dickinson of the Playground and Recreation Association of America, President Edward T. Ware of Atlanta University, and representatives of the American Ever Ready Co.

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CLARENCE G. HERBRUCK
HOMER E. BLACK

January 2nd, 1914.

Mrs. Mina Edison,
LLewellyn Park,
East Orange, N.J.

Dear Madam:-

Sheriff Oberlin of this City has in his hands ready for distribution to yourself, a certain sum of money as your interest in the Liberty Street property recently sold in partition proceedings.

If you will write to the Sheriff, he will forward this money to you or if you desire, we will collect the same and forward it upon receiving your request.

Yours truly,

H. E. Black

Jan. 3, 1914

Mr. Hird:

Mrs. Edison wishes to have three A-250 mahogany Disc Phonographs sent down to the Woman's Club, East Orange, to be used on Monday night, January 5.

Please arrange to have three tested instruments sent down to Mr. Barber not later than noon on Monday, the 5th inst. so that they may be taken down and set up in ample time for Messrs. Hayes and Bolan to be sure that they are in proper condition for the evening.

Mr. Barber will note that one of these instruments is to go in the ball-room on the upper floor, one in the library, and one in the large room down-stairs.

H. T. Leeming

HTL.BB

Copies to Messrs. Ackerman, Barber, Hayes, Bolan

Copy to Mr. Meadowcroft

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OFFICE OF
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PHILADELPHIA Jan. 6, 1914.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Glenmont,

Llewllyn Park, Orange, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:-

We are in receipt of your card instructing us to forward two copies of the "Ogden Family", and in reply beg to say that we have no copies of this book for distribution, as it was privately printed by us for the Ogden Family through Mr. J. H. Van Alstyne, Sharon, Conn. We have forwarded your card to him, but would suggest that it would be well for you also to write him concerning the matter.

Regretting that we cannot supply the copies, we are,

Very truly yours,

J. B. LIPPINCOTT COMPANY.

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CABLE ADDRESS
"ANPENAN NEWYORK"

Broad Exchange Building,
25 Broad Street.
New York Jan. 7th. 1914.

My dear Mrs. Edison,

I am enclosing Mr. Edison's line of descent from John Ogden, which I think will interest you.

Also I want to thank you both again for my delightful visit last Sunday morning.

With kindest regards,

Faithfully yours,

Louis M. Ogden.

HOURS
9 TO 12
AND BY APPOINTMENT

DR. EDGAR S. THOMSON
19 EAST 44TH STREET
NEW YORK

JAN. 8, 1914.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison:-
Llewellyn Park, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:-

I stopped in at Haustetter's last evening to leave him the data about Mr. Edison's glasses, and thinking to save time, had him ship the eye-shade at once, so that you should receive it to-day. I also spoke to Meyerowitz on the telephone, and gave him directions about the new glasses. They said they would push the work through, and would ship them this evening. I directed them fully about the frames, so that they should be correct. Just as soon as Mr. Edison has used the new glasses for a day, you had better send me the frames, and I will have Haustetter make them all up in accordance with his new formula. It has occurred to me also, that he might find comfort in a pair of bifocal glasses, which he could wear constantly while at work, the advantage being, that he will not have to take the glasses off when he stops reading. If you think well of this, please let me know and

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DR. EDGAR S. THOMSON
19 EAST 44TH STREET
NEW YORK

No. 2.

I will have Haustetter make up a pair of the bifocal, and he can then try them.

Yours truly,

Edgar S. Thomson.

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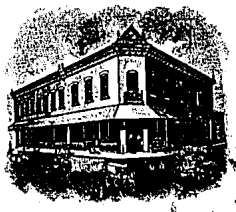

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Jan. 14, 1914.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Orange, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

Yours of recent date received and I have just been down to look over your house with a view of making the alterations you desire. After looking things over carefully I believe it would be a mistake to take out the partition between the maid's quarters. This is a plastered partition and if you remember the flue from the kitchen goes up in the back end of this partition and I fear it would tear things up pretty badly to try to remove it. If you will pardon the suggestion, I think it would be more practical to screen the veranda between the maids quarters and the main part of the house, which would enable them to leave their door open and would make their rooms as cool as if the partition was removed. This could be done, too, at much less expense and I believe would be more satisfactory in every way. You will remember there is a little covered veranda on the second floor in this house the same as there is in the house which you occupy. If this meets with your approval I will have the work done instead of taking out the partition.

In regard to partition at the gardener's house, Mr. Zeaman says this will not be necessary in order to get the rooms you desire, as they have two more rooms in the house which can be occupied and which they do not use themselves, thus saving this expense, and as you spoke of making some changes in this house I believe you will have all the room you desire over there for the present as Zeaman says this will give three rooms in his house for Mr. Ott and any others you may desire to send down. As you did not wish to go to any great expense on this building it seems to me this is the best plan. The painters will finish all their work next week. I will have the maids quarters prepared for them and will have everything in first-class shape by the time you reach here.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Heitman

Ans and send check for 2.00 1/21/14

Sharon Conn.,Jan.19th,1914.

Mrs Thomas A.Edison,
Orange N.J.

Dear Madame,

On the 8th of this month I sent you by American Express,two volumes of Ogden Genealogy,as per instructions received from J.B.Lippincott Co.

The same day at night I received your letter dated Jan.7th,relative to the same matter.Believing the books would reach you promptly,I did not reply to it,expecting to hear of their safe arrival as soon as a letter would reach you.

As I hear nothing about it,I now write to know if the books have been received,for in case they have not,I will start a tracer to learn what has become of them.

Respectfully yours,

L. Van Alstyne

January 20th 1914.

Mr. L. Van Alstyne,

Sharon, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of Jan 19th, relative to the two volumes of Ogden Genealogy beg to advise you that same have arrived in good condition.

Yours very truly,

C/M.

THOMAS A. EDISON, PRESIDENT C. H. WILSON, VICE-PRES. & GEN. MGR. E. J. BERGGREN, SEC'Y. & TREAS.

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EDISON PHONOGRAPH WORKS

Orange, N.J. January 21, 1914.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:-

With reference to Edison Phonograph Works Bonds Nos. 121 to 132 both inclusive now in your possession, which should have been retired August 2, 1913, inasmuch as on February 2nd, next, twelve days hence, interest coupons on the other outstanding bonds will be due, the above mentioned twelve bonds should be disposed of before February 2nd and surrendered to the Fidelity Trust Company, in order not to show as default in payment.

Allow me to suggest that if you are agreeable to accept the nine other Phonograph Works bonds held by me in this office, together with a check for $3,000. in exchange for the matured bonds, I will hand over to Mr. Meadowcroft for delivery to you, the nine bonds and check, and he can bring back to me your twelve bonds. If this can be done within the next week to give me ample time to make the necessary entries and transfers, and deliver to the Fidelity Trust Company before the end of January, I would be very thankful to you.

Trusting this suggestion is agreeable to you, and that you can conveniently arrange for the accomplishment of this proposition, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

E J Berggren
Treasurer

EJB-JES

TO AND TRANSCRIBED FROM THE EDISON DICTATING MACHINE

Telephone, 1063 Morningside.

Dr. GEORGE SCHOERS,
206 W. 122d Street,
Near 7th Ave.

OFFICE HOURS:
9 TO 10 A. M.
1 TO 2 P. M.
6 TO 8 P. M.

1.00 o'clock
2.30 Tuesday

New York, Jan 21st 1914.

Mrs Thos. Edison
Orange
N. J.

My dear Mrs Edison:

Mrs Arthur M. Wurtt, at present in Munich Germany, requested me to communicate with you and arrange for a visit to yourself and Mr Edison, whom he is eager to know, of Privy Councellor - Professor Dr Riesser, - a friend of the Wurtts - President of the German Hansabund and Professor of Law at the University of Berlin. - Prof Riesser arrived in N. Y. a few days ago, as a guest of the American Bankers Association - whom he addressed yesterday. -

Dr Riesser may have time to go with me to Orange to morrow Thursday, or next Tuesday, when he returns from Boston - Will you kindly let me know if we will have the pleasure to find yourself and Mr Edison at home, when I call. - I shall be delighted to renew a most agreeable acquaintance and

to have the pleasure to shake hands with you once more and at the same time to introduce to you a representative German, and get him acquainted with one of the most illustrious Americans and his charming consort. —

sincerely yours
George Schoeps.

Madeline Edison
Born May 31 - 1888
Charles Edison
Aug. 3 - 1890
Theodore Willis Edison
July 10 - 1898.
Gary did not understand that children were not recorded as I saw Charles Payne's was given

Sharon Conn., Jan. 24th 1914.

Mrs Thomas A. Edison,
Orange N.J.

My dear Mrs Edison.

Yours of the 20th, with check $20, has been received. I note what you say about your marraige being omitted and also the names and dates of your three children. I wish you had given me the dates of their birth, for I am entering all additions and corrections I can get in a copy kept for that purpose.

I was in Orange and at your husbands office in 1890, on purpose to get full information, and while I was given the date of your marraige, I was not told of any children. My informant was a near relative of your husband, an uncle, I think, but cannot speak positively about the relationship without hunting up my notes. At any rate he gave me your name and the date of marraige which you will find are mentioned at top of page 344. I would say that it was only on account of Mr. Edison's prominence that his children are mentioned, as the book only takes the line down to grandchildren of Ogden mothers. The only way I can now account for the omission of your children is that they may have been born after the date of my visit after information. On Chart 25 you will find plenty of space to enter their names.

Respectfully yours,

L. Van Aketyne

January 26th, 1914.

Mr. L. Van Atslyne,

Sharon, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of Jan. 24th, beg to advise you that I did not understand that Children were not included, as I saw Mr. Poyers, on children were given. I herewith submit the dates of our children, Madeleine Edison born May 31st 1888 Chas Edison, Aug 3rd 1890, and Theodore Miller Edison July 10th, 1898.

Yours very truly,

C/H.

Second Notice No Reply
To First Notice. Mailed JAN 16 1914

INQUIRY WHETHER MAIL HAS BEEN RECEIVED

United States Post-Office

Orange, N. J. Reg. Div.

FEB - 3 1914, 19

Mrs Thos. A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
West Orange N J

Please state in the space provided below if the following-described mail has been delivered or returned to you, or if you have received any news of it. Return this sheet to the Inquiry Section of this post office.

Mailed by Mrs Eugene V. Wagee

Date of mailing Dec. 3d — 95 Sent to E. O.

Contents Invitation to luncheon Dec 18th

Addressed to you.

Respectfully,

POSTMASTER.

REPLY.

Form 1572. 5—2602

WALTER B. DICKINSON
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY

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WBD/AB

February 10th, 1914

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

After a most delightful conference with you some days ago, I came away carrying in my pocket the summary of money received through the appeals which you so kindly sent out for us. I am sending it on herewith. The total is $340. We wish to thank you very sincerely for this splendid service which means a great deal more than the actual money received because it involves the interest of so many new people.

Would you care to give us your Southern address where we might reach you with a letter when you have gone? We do not purpose at all to send many letters - perhaps one or two - but there are some problems which we face upon which your counsel would be greatly appreciated and we have thought it might be easy for you to ask Mr. Ford to express his opinion about them, and thus make the approach to the plan which we talked over very easy and natural.

Very sincerely yours,

Walter B Dickinson

Associate Secretary

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Money received thru Mrs. Thomas A. Edison

New Jersey

Mr. & Mrs. M. R. Hutchinson, Llewellyn Park, West Orange	$10.00
Mrs. T. O'Conor Sloane, 55 Montrose Avenue, South Orange	10.00
Miss Harriett J. Yardley, West Orange	10.00
Mrs. W. R. Howe, West Orange	10.00
Wilbur S. Johnson, 144 Harrison Street, East Orange	10.00
James T. Mount, 24 Summit Street, East Orange	10.00
G. Howlett Davis, Llewellyn Park, East Orange	10.00
Oscar Michael, Hotel Clinton, East Orange	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Cyrus Hitchcock, 300 William Street, East Orange	10.00
Mrs. W. E. Eaton & Children, 89 Prospect Street, East Orange	10.00
Robert A. Franks, Llewellyn Park, West Orange	10.00
Mrs. C. H. Kelsey, 115 Prospect Street, East Orange	10.00
Mrs. G. H. Potts, Llewellyn Park, West Orange	5.00
H. R. Poore, 45 Ridge Street, Orange	5.00
C. L. Decker, 417 Williams Street, East Orange	10.00
T. J. Preston, South Orange	10.00
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Mrs. W. D. Mitchell, 17 S. Grove Street, East Orange	10.00
Charles Ippolito, 22 Hurlbut Street, Orange	10.00
Mrs. A. B. Jenkins, West Orange	25.00
John G. Zeller, 116 N. Arlington Street, West Orange	25.00
Mrs. C. L. Woodruff, 35 Walnut Street, Newark	10.00
Charles T. Dougherty, 31 Miller Street, Newark	10.00
Stephen B. Kent, 5 Prospect Street, East Orange	5.00
	$255.00

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Brought forward	$255.00
Mrs. H. R. Fowler, 112 Heller Parkway, Newark,	5.00
Mrs. S. W. Righter, 12 Essex Street, East Orange	5.00
August V. Hamburg, 324 Clifton Avenue, Newark	10.00
A. Roche, 56 East Park Street, East Orange	25.00
Mrs. L. Dennis, 49 Ridge Street, Orange	10.00
Mrs. Edward H. Peters, 1017 Broad Street, Newark	10.00
T. C. Colt, 204 Park Avenue, Orange	10.00
Tonzo Sauvage, 10 Park Place, Newark	10.00
	$340.00

Total $340.00

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

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DEPARTMENT OF
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GEORGE W. ROWLAND
SUPERINTENDENT

CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK

Impossible to take care of this for the present.

Febtuary 10, 1914.

Mrs. Thomas Edison,
Glenmone, Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

On December 22d I wrote you something about Mrs. Joseph Leslie's lot at Chautauqua. At that time it was not possible to sell as title could not be given, but now Mrs. Leslie is ready to sell and can give clear title. She feels that she should receive at least $2000 for the lot and cottage without the furnishings. Now as I intimated in my former letter, Mrs. Flemming also spoke about buying the lot, and she is still interested. I am telling her in this mail the price, and am asking her to make an offer. I should like to have you do likewise. I think perhaps the nice thing to do would be for you and Mrs. Flemming to buy the lot and divide it between you. This would leave an open space between the cottages, or would admit of both of you enlarging your present cottages. If you feel that $2000 is more than you would be willing to pay, you may make me an offer for it.

Awaiting you reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G W Rowland
Superintendent.

GWR:O

Regrets
[illegible] 1/20/19

Mrs. Sidney M. Colgate
requests the pleasure
of your company at
luncheon to meet
the President of the Woman's Club
Mrs. James E. Cheesman
on Thursday February the
twenty-sixth at half after
one at the Essex Co. Country Club.

R.S.V.P. 363 Centre Street.

February 13th, 1914.

Mr. Walter Dickinson,

41 Madison Ave.,

New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your request of Febry. 10th, I here with send you Mrs. Edison's Southern address. Fort Myers, Fla.

Yours very truly,

ANDERSON, ISELIN & ANDERSON

P. CHAUNCEY ANDERSON.
ELLERY C. ANDERSON.
JOHN H. ISELIN.

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CABLE ADDRESS
"ANPENAN NEWYORK"

Broad Exchange Building,
25 Broad Street.

New York Feb. 13th, 1914.

My dear Mrs. Edison,

We have had some photographs made of the John Ogden statue, and, as Mr. Edison seemed so interested, I am sending him a set.

I am also enclosing a photo. of Mr. Edison with the hope that you might obtain for me the autograph of John Ogden's most distinguished descendant.

With kindest regards,

Faithfully yours,

Louis Mansfield Ogden.

Photo returned 2/17/14

Lou

February 16th, 1914.

Mr. G. W. Rowland, Supt.,
Chautauqua Institution,
Chautauqua, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of Febry. 10th, relative to Mrs Joseph Leslie's lot at Chautauqua, beg to advise you that it is impossible for me to take any part of the property.

Yours very truly,

C/H.

IRA. M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

Feby 16th 14

Dear Nina:—

I don't want to make any unreasonable request of you but if in order may I not ask you to fix up note owing you from me out of my share of the estate. I would like very much to get these matters cleared up now, for I have a family and future is uncertain with us all and while we now understand and are all well if it is possible I would like to clear the slate now. There surely will be enough coming to me off of the estate to pay all I owe and leave me a margin.

Before you go South kindly see what you can do for me and oblige.

Business is going along fairly but my family needs while Margaret Elizabeth are young are greater than they will be later.

Love to you all. Epsie Louise Saturday Ira

Orange, N. J. March 3, 1914.

Mr. Ira Miller,

Akron, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of February 16th.

Mrs. Edison requested me to write you and say that she will deduct what you owe from your share of the Estate. She will write you from Florida.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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304-322 HUDSON ST. NEW YORK

March 3rd, 1914.
Dictated March 2nd.

CREDIT DEPARTMENT - NEW YORK SUNDRIES "M".

Mr. W. H. Meadowcroft,
c/o Thomas A. Edison,
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY.

Dear Sir:--

Your kind and prompt attention to our charges of December 27th and January 12th, $14.85 and $12.00 respectively, will be duly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

AMERICAN EVER READY WORKS,

C T Hutcheson

Credit Department.

CTH-MC

Mr. Haas
I wish check could be sent for amount of this statement - It is for a/c of that Christmas free affair. I got the special low price on account of my confidential relations with these people.
W H Meadowcroft
3/4/14

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304-322 HUDSON ST., NEW YORK

March 9, 1914.

Ans 3/10/14

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,

Orange, N.J.

Dear Madam:

A few days ago we received your check #6705 for $26.85. We are seemingly unable to locate any invoice for this figure, so are writing with request that we be given in return mail our invoice number or numbers. As we are holding the above in abeyance to your response, we assure you your kind attention will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

AMERICAN EVER READY WORKS.

L. S. Sudan

Credit Department.

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New York

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 9th relative to our check # 6705 in amount of 21.85 beg to advise you that same has been sent to you in error. Kindly return same to us.

Thanking you for calling our attention to same I remain

Yours Very Truly
M & G
Mg

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304-322 HUDSON ST. NEW YORK

March 12th, 1914.

IN REPLY REFER TO LSS

Mrs. T. A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

Ans 3/13/14

Dear Madam:

We have received your letter of March 10th, relative to your check #6705 of $26.85.

Since writing you on March 9th, we have located on our Miscellaneous Sundries Account, charges of December 27th, $14.85, and January 12th, $12.00, against Wm. H. Meadowcroft. Upon taking this matter up with our Mr. Westbury, he tells the writer that he believes the above payment was rendered in full payment of these bills, in consequence of which we are not returning it to you herewith, but are asking that we be advised as to whether or not our conclusions are correct.

Yours very truly,

AMERICAN EVER READY WORKS.

L. S. Scudder
Credit Department.

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304-322 HUDSON ST. NEW YORK March 12th, 1914.

IN REPLY REFER TO CREDIT DEPARTMENT - N. Y. SUNDRIES "M".

Mr. W. H. Meadowcroft,
c/o Thomas A. Edison,
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY.

Dear Sir:--

We ask your kind attention to ours of the 3rd instant wherein we requested remittance for charges of December 27th and January 12th, $26.85 in the aggregate, and we now hope for a favorable reply in the return mail.

Yours very truly,

AMERICAN EVER READY WORKS,

G. Hutcheson

Credit Department.

CTH-MC
Enclosure - Statement.

I must pay this bill, so will you please let me have Mr. Edison's check and we can get one from her to reimburse his account when they return. I will send my personal check.
3/13/14
W. H. Meadowcroft

Mr. Miller:
These lamps were bought by me for Mrs. Edison's Christmas tree. I get them at a confidential price & cannot turn the bill over to her. Haas sent a check but they had no a/c, so I asked him to have it returned.

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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

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AMERICAN EVER READY COMPANY

304-322 HUDSON STREET

NEW YORK, MAR 1 - 1914

Wm Meadowcroft
c/o Thos A Edison Esq.
Orange NJ

TERMS NET 30 DAYS ALL BILLS PAYABLE IN N. Y. EXCHANGE

		TO ACC'T REND.		
Dec	17		1485	
Jan	12		1200	2685

IRA. M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

answered

March 12. 1914

Dear Mina:-

I am sorry not to hear from you in regard to the Estate matters. Mr Miller writes that you will write me from Florida and while I know you are a busy woman down there and I should not disturb you yet I cannot avoid writing you on business as you failed to write me from home. What are your plans about the estate? I think I might be set aright about what is coming to me and debts owing others and to be collected from my share I learn that others have received their Bonds. Surely there will be considerable more coming out of the Real Estate to pay my debt to you & others and therefore why not send me Bonds of others have theirs &c. Hope you are having good times and surely it is fine. I have the Goods with Elsie. We are all well here and send no

love to you. Elizabeth & Grand Ma Nine are in New York and Cora is having good rest. Margaret being busy at her studies through the day.

Another party came to see me today about the front lots & land down along the Canal near Williams Foundry. Have you any plan for this land and what price would you care to make on it? This is another party different than Huber party that made $9,000.00 offer — I think the land is worth $20,000.00 and possibly more.

Yours Affectionately

Cora

LAY-N-FILE FOLDER
AKRON, OHIO

March Thirteenth -
1914

Blythswood

Souvenir letter.

Dear Mr. Edison

Your sweet thought of me has touched me deeply, so many exquisite roses and beautiful carnations from your greenhouse have reached me since you left! Again last week another generous and lovely bouquet was left at my door, all of which we greatly appreciate. I love to think of you all as having such a happy time

living out of doors and escaping
our atrocious weathers, but I
was very sorry to hear of the fire
in Mr Edison's Bronx studio.
Still I hope it does not at all mar
the pleasure of your Southern visit!
Mr Edison looks the happiest of the
trio indeed he seems bubbling over
with the joy of life in Fort Myers.
Mr Burroughs seems cheerfully
contented, at peace with all the world.
ready to stop on for the remainder
of his life with such congenial and
rare friends as M and Mrs Edison.
While Mr Ford is on the keen jump,
it was a pleasure to find these pictures
in yesterday's Times. I promptly
cut them out for my scrap book.
How dear of you to send me Fabre's
interesting book on the Social Life
of Insects. Fabre's descriptions
are marvellous. He must have
been sustained by a well-spring
of enthusiasm, to persist in his
long continued and unremitting
observations of the most minute
details in order to amass such a
fund of knowledge. Last year
I kangaroored through "The Girl of
the Limber Lost." I think the
Emperor with the Great Peacock is
the one "The Girl" sought and
eventually had the good fortune to find.

Mrs Yardley has only been here once since her Son's death but she bears her sorrow bravely. Mrs Sam Yardley is left with almost nothing, her husband's affairs were sadly involved.
Mrs Smith is coming out on Friday to stop in her own home, until she sails on April eighteenth, I understand that preparations are being made for the placing of her electrical clock in the tower of the first church, Presbyterian. Mr Colgate & Muriel returned last evening. Mrs Colgate stopped in Richmond over night.
With again thanks and many loving thoughts for you all. dear Mrs Edison. believe me Yours affectionately Eva B. Douglass

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March 13th, 1914

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Sir and Madam:-

A farewell meeting for Mr. Alfred Noyes is being arranged under the auspices of the League for Political Education on the afternoon of March 27th, when Mr. Noyes' one act play "Rada" will be presented by Miss Mary Shaw, to be followed by Mr. Noyes reading from his own poems. An honorary committee is being formed for the occasion, and already a number of prominent people have consented to the use of their names in this way, and I write to ask whether you would permit the use of your name.

As we are going to press with the announcements tomorrow, or Monday morning at the latest, I trust you will favor me with an immediate reply.

Respectfully yours,

W B Feakins

Mrs. Edison was South and did not receive the letter in time to send any word. She is sorry

American Ever Ready Co
304 Hudson St.
N.Y.

Gentlemen,

Replying to your letter of March 12th relative to our check #6705-$26.83 beg to advise you that I have taken the matter up with Mr Meadowcroft who had made the transaction with Mr. Westbury, he said that it would be all right to apply Mrs Edison's check against these two bills, you have charged to ~~Mrs Edison~~.

Yours very truly

Nov

Mr Hutchinson: Will you please forward give Mrs Edison, prices etc for these trees, E. Howard

Mr Edison: These are unusually sturdy, portific trees. Dear ordered some for your Minnesota place. So you would be very sure. MRB

DANIEL N. POMEROY
ENGLISH WALNUT ORCHARDS
LOCKPORT, N. Y.

April 10th, 1914.

Mr. M. R. Hutchinson,
Orange,
N. J.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter and cheque received for vines and English walnut trees. We thank you and same will have our very careful attention shortly. We consider this a bit early for that climate of Minn. These trees are dormant now and will be for over a month and therefore no hurry about digging and shipping. We have shipped but very few orders so far this spring, just to some Southern points where their season is far in advance of ours. Shipped to Florida one year the 28th of March and before we had really got into our regular deliveries received letter from the Florida buyers stating that the little trees had averaged 8 inches of growth!

Would it be possible to interest Mr. Edison in these unusual trees? Henry Ford planted 100 on his estate, many of the New York "Big Business Men" have planted quantities on their estates. Col. Roosevelt, Knox (hat man), Rockefellow and many others prominent in all lines of endeavor. Order today from big railroad man in Utah. Forrest Crissey the magazine writer (note his part of enclosed booklet) had 50 planted on his Vermont farm a year ago, he just reported every one doing finely and ordered 50 more.

The grape vines will be shipped from the Fredonia, N. Y. vine specialists, Hubbard Co. You might like their booklet on culture and care of grapes.

When you are on your way to Minnesota or coming back or any time when in Buffalo would appreciate having you call on us, we are 25 miles distant and good trolley and train service, would show you some interesting sights and enjoy meeting you. The summer or fall is of course the most favored time in fruit country, let me hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Daniel N. Pomeroy

FNP/HDP

LOWELL H. BROWN
2 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

April 14th, 1914.

My dear Mrs. Edison:-

You may perhaps remember my asking you a favor in connection with the temperance work in New Jersey some time ago, and at that time you expressed your interest in the work.

Mr. O. Bell Close the bearer of this letter is one of the new organization of the Anti-Saloon League of New Jersey, which has taken hold of the situation in our State. I would appreciate it very much if you will give him a few minutes of your time. I believe you will be in accord with his ideas and I know your suggestions will be valuable to him.

Yours very sincerely,

Lowell H. Brown

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

West Orange, N. J.

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WBD/AB

April 22nd, 1914

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

Mr. Braucher has given me your note saying you thought it would be quite fitting for us to see Mr. Ford in Detroit and talk with him about the plans he already has under way for recreation among his employees.

Would you be willing to have us telegraph to Mr. Ford saying that we are seeking a conference on your suggestion? This, we feel, would be effective and we would greatly appreciate such consent.

We hope you found the vacation in the South very beneficial to Mr. Edison and all.

Very sincerely yours,

Walter B. Dickinson
Associate Secretary

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TAF
-Family
-Miller, Ira

Dear Mina:- Akron O 4/30/14

While writing you another letter I am inclosing this track you to send me my $500 Bond if you question my right to the $1000. Kindly let me have this at once for I find that all the rest have rec'd theirs

Ira

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1914 TAE
--Family
-Mina

EDWARD B. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

Mrs, Mina M. Edison, May 4th, 1914.

Orange, New Jersey.

My dear Mina:-

Your letter of April 13th, in regards to a proposed agreement of trusteeing the real estate, by Mr. Mc Gregor, was received some time ago.

In reply, I wish to say, I am not in favor of the proposition.

Yours very sincerely,

Edward

EDWARD T. WARE
PRESIDENT

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GA.

MYRON W. ADAMS
TREASURER

May 18, 1914.

The money you gave to do with best

My dear Mrs. Edison:-

I wish to thank you most heartily for your check which has just come to hand for Atlanta University.

The amount received for the laundry is about one thousand dollars. We have decided to rebuild the old wing and still use the basement for laundry purposes. It will be possible, however, to get additional light and room. I hope that you approve of our use of your appropriation in this way instead of in building a new laundry as we first proposed.

Sincerely yours,

Edward T. Ware

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N.J.

Have you the [illegible] Dr. [illegible] at [illegible]

St. Faith's House
TARRYTOWN-ON-HUDSON
NEW YORK

May 21, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Edison,

In hospitals you do not find scarlet fever patients in the same ward with smallpox sufferers. We would not abandon the smallpox victims, but we do isolate them.

At St. Faith's House we take little girls from twelve to twenty years of age who are facing the tragedy of unmarried motherhood. The purpose of the home is to take these young girls away from the contaminating influence of older women, hardened in crime, with whom they may be thrown in larger and more general institutions, and give them a real chance to start over. We keep the girls and their babies two years, and place the girls in positions where they can keep their children with them.

Ninety per cent. of our girls have turned out to be self-respecting women able to support themselves and their children. Don't you think that is a remarkable record? We believe we are

doing a wonderful work. The facts speak for themselves, yet the work is unsupported. We have a few loyal friends and subscribers, but not half enough. Won't you help us? I wish I dared ask you for fifty dollars, but I don't dare, for fear you might not send anything. So won't you send five dollars? Make your check payable to St. Faith's House and send it to St. Faith's House, Tarrytown, N.Y.

Your money will help one little girl to make a success of life at a time when everything points toward failure. This isn't sentiment, it is fact.

I don't know how to put the case more strongly, but won't you please send a check soon?

Shall I mail you our Report for 1913?

Very truly yours,

Blanche Miner.

Financial Secretary.

St. Faith's House
Tarrytown, New York

is supported entirely by voluntary contributions: The funds contributed go directly to the support of the girls and their children, and to the maintenance of the home: No salaries are received by the workers in charge:

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As a ..... Member of St. Faith's House:

I enclose my check for $.....

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

DATE _____

Checks should be made payable to St. Faith's House; and sent to St. Faith's House, Tarrytown, New York.

St. Faith's House

53 South Broadway

Tarrytown

New York

May 29. /14

Dear Mina:-

Lewis has just asked me about the Executors Books used in keeping account of Father's estate. I have them here and will be very glad to explain or give you information on any of the accounts you wish to know about but I would not care to let the books out of my hands. I inclose herewith a report which is a copy of my report to the Probate Judge and thus virtually a report of my books.

As for the Hidden Note - up to the time of making final report to the P.J. that note was considered valueless. Property that was given to secure same had been sold for taxes, Mr Hidden was Bankrupt we were not flush but after several visits to Mr Hidden in Cleveland he made me a proposition that on a share basis he would look the property up. He reported that M. Hickox of Cleveland was prepared to take us in the same basis that Father got his and that he was going to pay the taxes and redeem the property. As we were not flush with cash we could not do this and it was considered a doubtful (speculation) chance for making money anyway. So I went in on share basis with Hidden He to pay all Expenses.

$325.00 came out of the 1st release which you got from my share of Mother's estate.
$50.00 came out 2d release which was paid to Mary for Mother's account.
You I believe have the Glidden note there and we may possibly get a little more out of it some day but doubtful.
The Cemetery call for $250.00 is for Care of Lot. When it was first presented we all have decided that as long as we had the Greenhouse plans we would later on, if the Lot ourselves and matter stands that way now far as I know We need not pay the 250.00 unless we want to, for perpetual Care.
I wrote you in full along in February last my views regarding Oak Place and then followed that up with an O.K. when Louise was here.

I am sure you are full of hard business getting ready for the final work closing off affairs and I wish you and Madeline much good luck

Yours truly Nick Carter

May 29/14

Dear Mina:-

Have you forgotten to send my bond? I would like it to help out on just now. Please send it.

Ira.

June 13. 1914

Dear Mina :—

Mr Haas your Secy has written me and I was glad for the assurance he gives me that you will fix up my Bond matter at once. If I was to be in N.H. your plan would be quite satisfactory to me to let the matter rest until I come but I am going too much to reach N.H soon. I am doubly sorry for this for it makes me miss Madelines wedding. I am tied up with an allotment sale and as I find it needs close watching to catch what business is in sight I am needed here. So much you send that bond on to me or fix it so I can have the Cash value of it at once. Do this Mina and I will appreciate it very much. Let me know tomorrow by telegraph what you will do.

We hope our family representatives Margaret and Elizabeth may show our loyalty to you all and our best wishes for a glorious good wedding. Give my love and assurance of support to Thomas as he now starts another family on in the good way of life. May all be joy and prosperity with them is the ever lasting wish of Aunt Ma & Uncle Jon

Yours with love

Ma

Akron O June 15. 14

Dear Mina:-

Regarding the Estate or Oak Place affairs which we have been exchanging letters about I wish to say that the counter suggestion you make to my plan and which Ed & Lewis fully concur in) I do not see and with all consideration to same how it helps out at all as I view it and what we all need for the good of all is a full settlement of everything. The majority of us will feel better to have things settled up complete and right at this time, and with that idea I still hold to my plan—

1. Select a limited Trustee with powers confined to clauses below
2. Such Trustee to select a Competent Engineer to lay out the whole of Oak Place 86 metes & bounds into an allotment
   The Paulo or Warners of Akron are good Eng's
3. Let the Akron Appraising Board take this Allt and divide same into eight equal parts - including Land, House, Barn & Outhouse
4. Take these divisions, number them, place

the numbers into a box from which we can each draw and the number drawn will designate the division to be his or hers

Now if Grace wants the House and she should fail to draw it surely there can be trades made with one another that will enable her to have the House with any other who may want to join her.

Once we have our different shares to handle separately we can do lots easily to fix up every thing.

Hoping something may be accomplished I leave my suggestions for your consideration

Yours Very Truly

J. M.

Akron O 6/22/14

Dear Mina:-

I am sorry to disturb you in these busy times but I sorely in need of some money right. Depressed business condition makes my Real Estate business more slow and I find it hard to turn myself as I would or had expected to this Spring. but all is going to come out all right I am sure in the end. The Bond of mine you are holding would be great help to me right now I need money right now, Wont you send to me?

Glad to learn from Elizabeth who is now home that all went off so fine for the Wedding Madeline ~~[illegible]~~ ly in well ~~[illegible]~~ remembered - Love to all

Ira

Akron O 7/2/14

Dear Ming:—

Your agreement paper relating to Oak Place as of date June 22.14. I have carefully noted and sorry that the solution of our family problem is continuing to draw out in this long way.

In my former letters I have explained fully my position, this present paper leans pretty well toward my idea if it could be toned down some in the 4th 5th 6th & 7th clauses. Now in all kindness to Grace and all the family I think there is to much attention being shown to a few rather than looking after the family as a whole — Grandchildren all — If Grace will just give up and let us get the property divided once — it does seem there would be brotherly sisterly feeling enough left to fix Grace with a home — Don't you think so?

Lovingly — Ch —

MRS. ROBERT A. MILLER

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PONCE, P. R.
21 ALLEN STREET
SAN JUAN, P. R.

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1914
TAE— Family
—Mina

NEW YORK CITY, August 29, 1914.

Dearest Mina:

Last evening Mr. Ingersoll, Robert Junior's friend, who is my protector, invited me to dine at the National ArtsClub. We had a lovely dinner there, then went to call on Madeline and John, and enjoyed so much seeing them in their attractive home. Madeline had her China Closet pink of neatness, and they both seem so very proud and happy.

I had just commenced this letter when Mary called me up, saying you had asked me to come out and spend Sunday. I would dearly love to come on, you know that with out my saying it. But Lillian Gillilan telephoned in Thursday asking me if I would not spend the week end with her and I promised to come out this afternoon at four and will probably come home to-morrow evening. Rachel wrote yesterday, they would send Martina on to-day, but this morning I had a postal from Lewis, saying she would be here Monday, so it all fits in very beautifully

I wish I could meet you at Madeline's for tea this afternoon. We went down there on the Bus last evening and it seem very easy ~~to~~ access. Tell Theodore I am still working away at my designs and hope to have them in order some time this week. I find they take so much more time than then I had any idea ~~that it~~ they would. It only proves we never know how much efforts than is ~~to be~~ in these seemingly small things. A letter from Will's cousin, Mrs. Holt this morning, stating she would like to try the work at Manitou Springs. I am always so glad for any other new opportunities to place it.

Now that Martina is coming, you must plan to come call in and have luncheon

MRS. ROBERT A. MILLER

ROBERT A. MILLER, JR.

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NEW YORK CITY.....

or dinner with me.. I know Mr. Edison w ould not come ~~on~~ But and you and Charles and Theodore and John could come and we would have Madeline and John.

These cards are the ones I told you about from Mrs. Leech. The two for the friendship calender. You can write and send them to me and I will enclose them in my letter to them or if you prefer I will give you their address.. Mrs. James Leech, Greenwood Inn, Evanston, Illinois. I am going to put on mine this little saying. " Friendship above all other ties, does bind the heart and faith in friendship is the noblest heart." Do you think that is all right? Then this other card was given me by a Mrs. Barlow, who was secretary of the Womens Club at Chautauqua during the time Aunt Emily was the President. Not that you will ever have the time to look her up, I thought so long as she had mailed this to me to send to you I would send it on. She also was a very old friend of my Aunt Sara's It seems she has heard that Charles and Eds on Ford are going into business together in Detroit and Mr Edison and you are going on I suppose to celebrate this venture.

I think it is interesting, at least to her how people plan for us. Now my dear I will leave you as I have quantities of work to get off between now and the time of leaving for Pelham Manor. A postal from Junior, said his tour through the White Mountains i s the grandest he could ever had imagined Isn't it lovely that he and Rachel could visit the place this summer where Robert and I had such happy experiences They have always been so very curious to see Bethlehem and the surrounding countries. I told Lewis he surely must take it in another summer.. Always with deepest love for you and yours,

Lovingly,

Louie.

Akron O Sept 1. 1914

Dear Mina :-

First I want to thank you for the beautiful Birthday Remembrance you sent to me. I appreciated same so much and to think you had the day marked makes it surely certain that you were thinking of me and makes me feel certain that you intended to remember me. Fifty eight years have not been long in going and they have been full of joy. Time for little sickness has I had and barring a few troubles my business life has been pleasant and our family experiences happy ones. I am still in good health and hope for a good long continued period of the joys of the Park. Now for the Bond I am sorry you cannot find market for same as I really need money right now. My Real Estate market under these war times is just dead and it was these sales that has been making me my money lately. If you can get near 88¢ on the dollar for the

bond I think you better sell, for considering the interest the Bond draws, I think it doubtful that the market will ever pay near par for it again. I will appreciate the money soon as you can get it.

Mrs Cora has been little under the par mark again. Hard indigestion spell caused by eating too heavily of rich salads &c She is naturally inclined to worry and thus nervous & if she overeats the least bit when in these worrying conditions then she suffers. Miss Barton took over at the Tea Room most wrong & they had to let her go. Then Lena our girl hired at "No Lawn" went wrong also. and we had to let her go and these things have bothered Cora along with so she says no sympathy from her husband. Which of course I say as to the latter is not so. She is about well again now and seems quite like herself again. Yes the War business is awful and there seem to be no let up in sight and what all is going to happen to us I don't

want to think about but one
thing I am thankful for we
have a good clear headed
President at the helm.
Tomorrow Cousin John Miller
will marry Miss Lynch of Canton
and Aunt Marcia and Mich Levi
seem right happy over the affair
for Miss Lynch is a fine young lady.
Mr Musser has sent word he wishes
to see me tomorrow so I hope he
may have something feasible
worked up for Oak Place —
I hope you liked my suggestion
about sale of Hotel Stock. Of course
I would just as soon trustee this and
keep it as we talked only it is such
a doubtful thing all the time what
Chautauqua Institution will do with this
stock if everything does not just run
smooth in the lines they want it.
This is a thing we have all got to think
about. As a family I think we are
all in for Chautauqua and we are
recognized there and we must to stand
by and help the institution all we can
but this Hotel investment amounts to a pretty big
item. Love to Mr Edison and Smith I could buy
of beef to live in these trouble times. Yours affectionately Ada

Remember Mr Wade John are going to have some work
for Chautauqua office. They surely must be doing fine.

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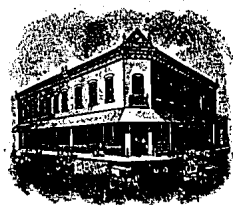

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Sept. 22, 1914.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

The weather is getting cooler here now and our heavy rains seem to be about over and I think it would be well to begin to finish up the various items uncompleted on the work I had done for you on your home place here during the early part of the summer, such as the plastering, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeeman want me to have their either house painted both inside and out. It will cost $100 and possibly as much as $125 to do this and as I received a letter from Mr. Edison a few days ago complaining about the expense of keeping up the place I write now to have you instruct me just how much painting to have done.

I always endeavor to have your work done at the lowest possible cost and do not have anything done that I do not consider absolutely necessary. I will appreciate a prompt reply to this letter so that I may have whatever work you decide to have done completed right away.

Very truly yours,

H. C. Heitman

ans 9/24/14

September 25th 1914.

The H. E. Heitman Co.,

Fort Myers, Fla.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to finishing up the uncompleted work at our Florida home, beg to advise you that you may finish the rooms over the kitchen.

Regarding Mr Zeeman's house, do no painting except the new wood.

Yours very truly,

C.H.

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Sept 27 14

Dear Mrs Edison--

I was in Italy at the time of your daughters marriage I am so sorry that I missed the wedding.

I am going to call on you some day soon with my daughter whom I used to take up Orange Mt near your home in her baby carriage. If you have a regular day , let me know. Then we can learn the address of the young people and some day call on them.

Sincerely,

Charles Wise

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

Oct 2. 1914

Dear Mine:-

It surely was fine to have you and John visit us as you did and now also have Mary stay awhile so we wish you both could have done. You must repeat this often. I am sure the work you accomplished while here will bring good luck and will be glad if it does.

Pardon me for bringing up the Bond matter again but I forgot to speak to you. My cash share of that Bond should be I think equal to what the half share of the bond was when the rest of the family got their bond - In other words Ed says he got about 95 for his bond - I therefore think I should have that value first, then the balance can be divided into eight parts. Kindly send me the money soon as you can.

Yours Sincerely Ira

Already done.

Pittsford. N. Y.
Oct 19, 1914 -

My dear Mrs Edison -

Many years ago at Chautauqua - I knew you as a young lady - though you may not remember me, I am Robert Vincent's Mother whom you will recall - as he rang the Chimes - and was a friend of your sisters and Mrs Marion Edison - I was at Clifton Springs Sanitarium last month - and saw many of the sick in wheel chairs - but all were obliged to have an Attendant - I

wondered - if in these days of electrical appliances, if a small battery could be placed beneath the chair - with handle at the side to propel, as in an Electric carriage - I know you are interested in every thing of this kind - and am sure if you think it feasible - and can be patented you will advise me - I know of your husbands great genius - and if he thinks it worthy he will help me - As I have no money it will have to be done by selling the right - or whatever is the procedure in such cases - I am trying this as I need the money - through too much faith in a man - whom I trusted with the money my husband Dr Vincent; left me - I lost every cent - and am now dependent upon my Son Robert - with whom I live - and the war is making it hard for him, in his Carbon Paper business - I have been reading of the wonderful lamp - the Edison bagda - your husbands invention - I would have one - if I could afford it - Will it be asking too

much for you to let me know what you think of the electric chairs. I am sure it would be helpful to many. I know if Robert knew I was writing you he would wish to be remembered to you but this is so uncertain that I have not told him about it,

Most sincerely -

Emma C. Vincent,

Mrs. L. L. Vincent,

I enclose name of firm - maker of chairs - who might like to make with attachment -

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IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

October 19. 1914

Dear Mina:

Just a word to you this morning about that Bond. I am sorely in need of some money and have nothing to realize on better than that Bond. It draws very low interest and has no growing value. My sale of lots is very slow on account of low ebb of general business and financial times. Kindly take this bond sale up at once and send me my share. There is nothing worth while in the future in holding this bond as its interest is low and will always keep it below par.

Lew is out in your town and suppose having my good times with his jolly bunch of women. Grace was over to see us last evening and seems well & happy. All well at "No Lawn" & wish to be remembered to all at "Glenmont"

Yours Affectionately — Ira —

Hurry Back
Mary

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Already personally interested in this work, and perhaps you do not mind

NEW YORK Oct. 20 1914

My dear Mr. Edison:

Mrs. John Hays Hammond desires me to say that she is most anxious to have you as a member of our National Advisory Board and especially for New Jersey.

Our Mr. Smith, who is carrying out Mrs. Hammond's plans in New Jersey, would be glad to call at your convenience and tell you the splendid things that are being done. His phone is Orange 2339.

Hoping you may be able to accept a place on the Board, I am

Very sincerely yours
Eva MacDonald Valesh Treas.

October 23rd 1914.

Mr. George F. Kunz,

1009 Fifth Ave.,

New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to the statue of Joan of Arc, to be placed in one of the public parks of New York and that it is important that each member of the committee examine the City Parks and Riverside Drive and suggest the most suitable site for the Statue, beg to advise you that upon Mrs Edison's return from the west she will try to help locate a suitable site for the Statue.

Yours very truly,

Sec'y.

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ORANGE N J OCT 25-

MRS THOS A EDISON

% MR HENRY FORD DETROIT

RECEIVED YOUR COMMUNICATION THIS AFTERNOON. HAVE BEEN VISITING KUNZES OUR GARAGE BURNED TO THE GROUND YESTERDAY THE LOSS WAS SMALL AS THE BIG MORSE WAS SAVED THE ONLY CARS BURNED BEING THE COUPE RED CAR OPEN ANDERSON LANSDEN AND LITTLE MORSE OTHERWISE EVERYTHING OK ALL WELL HERE LOVE TO ALL.

T M E 815 AM OCT 26TH 1914

65 MUNN AVENUE
EAST ORANGE, N.J.

Will be happy to have you get out to see Mr. Edison.

ans 11/14-17

I have not been successful in telephoning you, so am writing to say that on the afternoon of November Seventh from ~~three~~ to seven o'clock we are hoping to have some of our Orange friends to meet Lowell's little bride, and I would be so glad

if you could be here "unbonneted" to help in making the occasion as informal as such an affair can be.

I would love to have you here.

Very cordially yours,

Adelaide S. H. Brown

October 29, 1914

Llewellyn Park, W. O

November 4th 1914

Miss Adelaide H. Brown,

56 Munn Ave.,

East Orange, N. J.

My dear Miss Brown:

Will be very happy to come to meet:Lowell's little bride on November Seventh, from four to six oclock, when I shall have to ask to be excused.

Yours very truly,

C.H.

J. E. MURPHY,
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

THE PORTAGE
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AKRON, O. Nov 21 1911

Dear Nina:—

The last mail is for the week and not a word from you again as to my Bond money. I am sorry to bother you about this but Nina it is imperative that I have some money at once and I have been counting right along for some time on this Bond Money. The way the Bond market is you might wait indefinitely for a better market and then not gain much in price so I feel that I should have my share out of my Bond at once — I need it Nina & I would not bother you. Mary is calling for some interest money I owe her and I have other bills due. Please believe me and give this matter attention at once — Will expect letter Tuesday next — Yours with Love & a kiss N.

HOTEL THACHER.
BIDDEFORD, ME.
C. F. WILLEY, CO.

Thank him

272 N. 7th St.
Newark N.J. DEC 12 1914

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison.
Dear Madam,
I enclose herewith a tin type of your two brothers also Charlie & Tom Jr. that I thought you might like to have, I do not know if it is of any monetary value to you and if not you may keep it with my compliments.
Very Truly Yours.
A D Alliger

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Newark, New Jersey
December Sixteenth
Nineteen-Fourteen.

Mr. Thos Edison

Dear Friend:-

Enclosed is a little pamphlet entitled "A Wonderful Year". I believe it is sufficient to cause thanksgiving. You have helped to make this thing possible.

Now, I am coming to you again to ask for one more lift before the year is past. I am requesting you to make a Christmas offering of one dollar, more if possible, for the following reasons:

First; The victories of the year, mentioned in the folder, justify a thank offering.

Second; A greatly increased force and desperate business conditions have prevented any material reduction of an indebtedness of $4600 inherited by the present administration a year ago.

Third; The increased work of education, organization, legislation and law enforcement planned for next year, will require all of next years's income.

If every friend and supporter of the work will respond to this appeal, - each doing all he or she can - this indebtedness, which is hounding us almost to desperation, will be wiped out and we will enter the new year with a clean sheet.

With the sincere hope that this appeal to you will not be in vain, I am,

Yours in His service,

James K. Shields

STATE SUPERINTENDENT.

JKS/LCE

P. S. It is the policy of this administration to keep out of debt.

A. D. ALLIGER
272 N 7th St
Newark N.J.

HOTEL THACHER.
BIDDEFORD, ME.
C.F. WILLEY, CO.

Received the 1st type from you DEC 18 1894
Have not deciphered it yet
can you do so & send answer

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison.
Dear Madam,

Some days ago I sent you a picture of Tom Jr., Charlie (when he was a baby) & your brothers John & Theodore

I do not remember whether I put my address on the above letter head & thought possibly you might have sent an answer to me c/o of the above Hotel.

Would you kindly advise me if so.

Very Truly Yours.

A D Alliger

don't want to grow bitter and I do hope I have not seemed to be — But it is very hard for me to see why I should not just be taken out of the world altogether — I am beginning to feel better after our strenuous living and must not dwell on this subject now —

I am glad Madeleine is getting settled so rapidly — It is the joy in her happiness that will buoy your spirits on this difficult time to you —

Elina dear —

Your letter was read with avidity — It made me terribly blue but at the same time happy to know that you were fine & happy with your little family and that I could come and share it whenever I wanted to — Oh! Elina dear I can't answer your letter — I hardly know how to and I can't bear to think of any of it as it makes me so blue — I am sure I

I wish we could get word from Marion - I think of her a great deal and am anxious about Oscar - It certainly will be cruel indeed if he is taken from her. The worry of having him away from her during such dreadful dangers is enough - If you write her give her my love - I don't suppose mail carries very easily -

I am so happy in that you are happy over your "dear one" - It's you all along he was there just the same but too anxious over business affairs to be to you what you longed for -

I gave the handkerchiefs to Miss Amyser (Spaeth for you) and she was much pleased - Also I want to thank you for the check you enclosed to reimburse me but which was entirely unnecessary - You must not try to find any reason for accounting for Cora & the others of her family - I have settled down on trying to take them as they come -

Good night mina dear —
Sweet dreams & a good bless
you —
Your admiring sister
Grace —

Mailing my letter this morning
It is the 16th — the anniversary.
You were a little ahead of
time mina dear —
I am trying to follow out
your suggestions for mother dear's
things.
Sew just telegraphed that he
was trying to arrive home
in time for dinner tonight —
with Ell & Mrs Baxter & the two
Clarke girls — We have to skin about
in a hurry to get ready —

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Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1915

The selected items in this folder consist of five letters and telegrams from 1915. Included is a telegram from Edward E. Nichols, proprietor of the Cliff House hotel in Manitou Springs, Colorado, and brother-in-law of Mina Edison's sister Mary Miller Nichols, whom the Edisons visited after their trip to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco. Also included is a communication from Ernest J. Berggren, secretary-treasurer of Thomas A. Edison, Inc., regarding Mina's investment in the Edison Phonograph Works. Other correspondents include Italian composer Luigi Romano and Dr. Thomas Addison, vice president of the California branch of the General Electric Co.

Llewellyn Park, W. Orange, N.J.

Febwanyy 15, 1915.

Mr. Geo. P Way,

18 Adelaide St.,

Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of Feb. 11th, relative to your Artificial Ear Drum, kindly advise me if there is some place in New York City where I can see the outfit.

Yours very truly,

C/H.

New York, June 14. 1915

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

Gentle Mrs. Edison,

I allowed myself to send to You the enclosed musical work, which I have dedicated to You. It was composed in pain - first to think of the Great Scientist Mr. Edison, as he always has shown to be painful about the Human massacre that has touched all Europe, and that Mr. Edison was against this Human massacre; second, I wrote this music thinking of my poor desolate Mother, that at present is crying for the pain that one of my brothers is in war near Austria and by this time he might be dead.

Mrs. Edison, Saturday night this piece was

played at a Concert in the presence of a thousand people, it was repeated many time, and at the end they all clapped saying :- Viva Italy, Viva the King. - then I raised my hand up, and at that sign they all said :- Viva Edison.

Mrs. Edison. It is three weeks that I go around to all the musical houses that I could found, and agency, they all say the same thing, there is nothing doing. - business is very poor, on account of the war, all commerce is stopped, this war that has killed the all world.

Mrs. Edison. I hope I am not annoying you, by writing in this way, I have no one to turn too, you are so noble and kind-hearted, and can sympathise with me, in the condition that I am to day, no work, no pupils, I got so that I can not pay my rent, or send a little money to my poor old mother, they depend on me but.... imnagine dear Mrs. Edison what can my mother suffer. Mr. Edison had given the order to

Mr. Meadowcroft to give me $100= for the time that was to have for all the vacation, but I could not take the money, because in my conscience I knew that I did not work for that money; and would not accepted.

Mrs. Edison, the enclosed piece that I am sending You is for orchestra, purpose to be produced on the disc, wich will be of a grand effect. I beg You to let Mr. Edison hear this music, played by a Good pianist, if Mr. Edison will allow me, I can take with myself a Prof. and let him play this music and You all can hear it; also this Prof. can play for You many of others that he has - himself. -

Now Mrs. Edison, I am at the orders of Mr. Edison, I am ready to do just as he orders; I wish that Mr. Edison would give me some chance to make a living as I am in great necessity, and only the Lord knows my condition; and my pain for my mother and my poor brother in War. —

Mrs. Edison, I am waiting for an answer from You. God shall bless You, for all You do for me. I beg You Mrs. Edison to tell Mr. Edison to have this music produced on the disc, as it is wonderful, and on account of the war, it will be very good in sales, as every body will be anxious to hear something concerning the war; and the name of it alone will be a good seller:- "The Pain of Mr. Edison for Human Massacre in Europe". This title will be an anxiousity to the people to hear it, also the disc will remain for remembrance of this infernal War in the history.

Forgive me, Noble Madama if I annoy You, I take advange of You good heart; I send my respect to Mr. Edison, to You son Carl, to Mr. Meadorocroft, my respect to You, and I remain,

Respectfully Yours.

Prof. Luigi Romano
C/o Sonna
205 Grand St. New York

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MRS THOMAS A EDISON
CORONADO HOTEL CALIF

WE WANT YOU AND YOUR PARTY TO TAKE BREAKFAST WITH US WILL MEET YOU AT DEPOT IF NO ARRANGEMENTS YET MADE FOR MOTOR TRIP TO DENVER WILL YOU NOT ALLOW US TO PLAN YOUR TIME HERE ADVISE WHAT HOUR DUE IN DENVER HOW MANY IN PARTY AND WE WILL HAVE EVERYTHING IN READINESS ANSWER .

EDWARD E NICHOLS

650P

November 9th, 1915.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

My Dear Mrs. Edison:-

You asked us to send you the results of our snap shot photographs taken at our camp in Los Gatos, and I take pleasure in enclosing same with this.

As you will note they are a very poor lot of photographs due to the fact that it is always difficult to get good photographs where the sun is sending down shafts of light through the trees; also to the fact that we did not understand the borrowed camera. Anyway, we are glad to have them as a reminder of your visit to our little camp; also as a further reminder of the very pleasant two days' trip we had with you.

Mr. Fagan has returned, and Mr. Bee called this morning, and they reported your safe journey through Los Angeles, San Diego and to the Canon. The press reports indicate that you have arrived home safely.

Mrs. Addison and I will always look upon your visit here as one of the most delightful experiences of our life. We both hope that we may sometime in the near future have the pleasure of seeing you again.

With sincere regards in which Mrs. Addison joins, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

TA/JMR.

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CABLE ADDRESS
"ZYMOTIC, NEW YORK"

Nov 20/15

Mrs Thos A Edison.

My dear Mrs Edison:—

I have in my safe your individual Note for $10000 which was due Sep 9th — Supported by 12 Edison Phonograph Works Bonds which I wish to retire this month.

Will you kindly arrange with Mr W. F. Miller so that I can receive from him your new Note for $10000 to be dated Sep 9th in place of the one I am holding, and also 12 Edison Phonograph Works Bonds Nos 157 to + including 168 — to replace the ones I wish to retire.

By giving this matter your early attention you will greatly oblige,

Sincerely Yours

E. J. Berggren
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Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1916

This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1916, along with undated items that were probably generated in 1916. Included are letters from Ernest Berggren, secretary-treasurer of Thomas A. Edison, Inc., regarding Edison Phonograph Works bonds owned by Mina Edison. Also included is a letter from Charles Edison written in September while his mother was vacationing in Maine, along with a telegram by Thomas Edison urging his wife to come home "soon as possible very lonesome." In addition, there are two telegrams sent by Mina to Thomas in November on her way home from a visit to her family in Ohio. Numerous letters to and from the Universal Appraisal Co. pertain to the company's interest in appraising the contents of Glenmont. There is also correspondence with Italian composer Luigi Romano concerning his efforts to secure an autographed photograph of Pope Benedict XV for Mina.

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Mr Masonwright

No ans

FRANKLIN, N. H. Jan. 5 1916

Dear Mrs. Edison.

I have just written a letter to your Husband asking him to send me his subscription to the Woman's National Weekly. The best all round home paper ever published. And your picture and a little article has been in it lately. — I was at the Inside Inn, the same time you and Mr. Edison and Mr. Ford were there. I am writing to you because I am afraid Mr. Edison may never see my letter. He is such a busy

man I suppose his secretary opens all his mail and answers his letters put them in the waste basket as he sees fit.

I am sending your husband a marked copy of the paper which explains all and why I am asking for his subscription signed by himself. It may mean much to me. If the judges think as I do about Mr. Edison being the most desirable subscriber, it will mean $10.00 to me and that is worth trying for. — I am a W.C.T.U. woman an Eastern Star and a Rebekah. Perhaps Mr. Edison is a Mason or an Odd Fellow. I am sending him a blank to sign.

Very Sincerely

Mrs. Addie B. Trench.

Mr. Edison

New York City
9/6.

I thank Mr. Romano for remembering me and assuring that I was kindly welcomed
Esteemed Mrs. Edison.

6660 This morning I received a treasure in the form of a reply to my letter. I am yet greatly confused and think continually what honor to hear from you. Believe me, it is one of the most precious autographs I can save among those of the many great men I have in my possession. I will religiously keep it! These are the world's real precious treasures!! To receive a letter from illustrious men and yours is one of those that comes from the state of the great Edison.

I feel that I must inform you of the reports in New York's daily newspapers last week regarding the death of a brother of mine in the army - a martyr for his country. For that reason I was assailed by the greatest of sorrows, but notwithstanding that fact, I became interested in the news of your recent arrest for not having renewed your automobile license. Forgetting for one minute the terrible news I had read concerning the fate of my brother, I was seized with such madness that cannot easily be described. It was a stupidity committed against you. I should have wanted to take revenge on that imbecile of a policeman, but these are things that occur only in this country. For the reasons above mentioned it was impossible for me to communicate to you my feelings of sorrow, and my hatred for that unworthy policeman.

I received this morning a letter from my mother and she tells me that my brother is well and at home enjoying a furlough and that the Roman whose death had been announced was not my brother but another. You can better imagine what a joyful day this has been to me, the good news regarding my brother and your precious note.

Without hesitating I prepared to write the present.

It is useless to repeat my words of comfort for the remonstrance for the auto-mobile of the greatest hatred for that low bred, stupid policeman that caused so much gossip around the name of the greatest man of the country and of the world.

Believe me, dear Mrs. Edison, that in Europe people have more feeling of gratefulness than they do here towards the families of illustrous men. There such things happen also but at hearing your name the policeman would have bowed and asked forgiveness.

I swear to you on the name of my beloved mother that had I been present at the incident, at that very minute I would have committed almost anything that is little worthy to society, for your case, though, the whole world would have applauded me.

It brings tears to my eyes when I think how un-grateful these people are towards the Great. — the wife of the Prince of scientists - the mate of the Illustrous Edison.

Believe me, had I been present I would have killed the wretch.

Yrs.
I beg you to accept
my best regards and forward
my most cordial wishes
to the Illustrous Edison

Always yours humble
and obedient servant,
Prof Luigi Romano

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CABLE ADDRESS "ZYMOTIC, NEW YORK"

Jan 20/16

Mrs. Thos. A Edison
Llewellyn Park

Dear Mrs Edison:

Please let me have your renewal Note of $10000 for the one I now have, which expired Sep 9th 1915, and also Edison Phonograph Works Bonds #157 to #168, both inclusive so that I can send the 12 Bonds I am holding to the Trust Co to be retired. & greatly oblige

Very truly yours
E J Berggren

January 24th. 1916.

Mrs. Edison:

In regard to matters of this kind we have followed an invariable rule, and that is, not to give letters of introduction or recommendation to Mr. Ford or any of his branch places. By having this as a fixed and invariable rule we save Mr. Edison lots of trouble and annoyance.

I would suggest that a reply be sent to this letter stating that on account of the delicate relations existing between Mr. Edison and Mr. Ford that he cannot write letters to Mr. Ford or any of his branch establishments recommending or introducing any persnn whomsoever, as Mr. Edison wishes to avoid interfering in the slightest in Mr. Ford's business affairs.

Do you wish me to write this letter, or would you prefer to write it from the house?

Mrs. Pasadena Office
Please write. Mrs Hallenbeck

A. W. Gilmore,
128 W. Walnut St.,
Pasadena, Cal.

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CABLE ADDRESS
"ZYMOTIC, NEW YORK"

Feb 7/16

Mrs Thos. A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
Dear Mrs Edison.

Pardon me for again reminding you about the 12 Edison Phonograph Works Bonds, & the new Note for $10000.00 to replace the Bonds which expired last August, & the Note which expired on Sep 9th last.

I must surrender the old Bonds to the Trust Co., at once; but before doing so I must have Bonds #15 to 168 (both numbers include), together with your renewal Note for $10000.00.

If you will kindly give this matter immediate attention and have

TRADE MARK
Thomas A. Edison

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INCORPORATED
Orange, N.J., U.S.A.

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CABLE ADDRESS "ZYMOTIC, NEW YORK"

Mr H. F. Miller hand me the documents I will be very much obliged, and will forthwith have check made out for the Bonds.

Very truly Yours
E J Berggren
Treasurer

DICTATED TO AND TRANSCRIBED FROM THE EDISON DICTATING MACHINE

Cable Address "Edison, New York".

From the Laboratory of

Thomas A. Edison,

Orange, N.J. Feb. 12th. 1916.

Mr. Meadowcroft
Please notify Mrs. Requa and tell her
Thank you.
Yours truly
T. A. Edison

Dear Mrs. Edison:

You will undoubtedly remember that a few days ago you had a conversation with Mrs. Requa here in the Library. She came to see you about her husband, who has worked for us for some years. He was in charge of our trucking and was taken off and transferred to be a gate man at smaller pay.

I have seen Mr. Leeming about this. He says that the Trucking Department needed a much younger man than Mr. Requa, and in order to take care of our own interests they were obliged to take Mr. Requa away and substitute another man. Instead of letting Mr. Requa go altogether they found him something to do by giving him a job on one of the gates, and while this was at a lower rate of pay, it was the best that could be done at the time. Mr. Leeming says that if they can find something better for Mr. Requa later on, they will do it.

Yours very truly,

Wm H Meadowcroft

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

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Edison, T.A. – Family – Mina

She says No
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Dear Mrs. Edison:

Were these photographs ordered by you? –No–

Yours truly,
Wm H. Meadowcroft

March 16, 1916.

Write + ask who gave them the order for these photos
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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Fred Hartsook
Photographs

636 S. BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES
33 W. COLORADO ST., PASADENA
357 W. SECOND ST., POMONA
41 GRANT AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO
408 14TH STREET, OAKLAND
41 N. FIRST STREET, SAN JOSE

San Francisco,
March 9, 1916.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange,
New Jersey.

Mr Cadwallader — husband who ordered all of these

STATEMENT

Shipped December 10th, 1915.

4	4- 8x10,	Mr. Ford. (bust)	$16.65
3	15- "	Group of 4	52.48
3	3 "	Edsel Ford	12.48
2	3 "	Mrs. Ford	12.48
12	12 "	Mrs. Edison	50.00
8	12 "	Group of 3	50.00
9	9 "	Mr. & Miss Burbank	37.44
	1-18x22	Group of 4	10.00
12	12 8x10	Group of 2	50.00
4	4 "	Mr. Ford	16.65
3	4 "	Mr. Edison	16.65
50	9-18x22	entire group	90.00
	1- "	Santa Rosa group	10.00
		Portrait Mrs. Edison	85.00
	TOTAL.....		$509.83

(Hartsook Studio,)
41 Grant Ave.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Perhaps my wife did
No I did not

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THE UNIVERSAL APPRAISAL COMPANY

INCORPORATED

PHILADELPHIA
JERSEY CITY

542 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Mr. Meadowcroft: Will you have this co. looked up for me immediately

Mrs. Edison: I attach Crowsfoot's report herewith. Wm Hallecadowcroft

March 17th, 1916

Charles what do you think of this?

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Orange, N.J.

Dear Madam:-

Perhaps you have failed to realize that you are the one who will be called upon to furnish the details that comprise any claim you may make for the collection of insurance to cover a loss.

A fire--and there romains but ashes and memory from which to compile the necessary inventory and proof of value destroyed.

We will gladly explain how we prepare this for you before such a loss occurs, and we have a booklet telling you of the way our work is done in the house, which we will mail to you upon request.

Card enclosed for your convenience.

Yours very truly,

The Universal Appraisal Company,

E. S. Martin

ESN/EM. Asst. Mgr.

Telephoned Crowsfoot 8/1/16

7/21

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TELEPHONES 418 419 CORTLANDT

Proudfoot's Commercial Agency

SUITE 1108
SINGER BUILDING
NEW YORK CITY

March 21/12.

Hon. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N.J.

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL USE UNDER THE TERMS OF OUR CONTRACT.

Dear Sir;-

In reply to your inquiry about Universal Appraisal Co, 542-5th Ave, beg to report the office at this address is merely a branch of the company's office at 619 Perry Bldg, Phila. From information gathered here and there we compiled the following:

"The Universal Appraisal Co, 619 Perry Bldg, Phila, also 542-5th Ave, N.Y.City, was incorporated under New Jersey laws Jan. 7/10 with an authorized capital of $50,000, par value of shares being $10 each. We have been unable to ascertain the amount of paid in capital. Officers are, Minor C. Eastman (insurance, Bklyn) Pres; Geo. L. Doty (of W. B. Conrad & Co, 47 White St) V. P.; Walter G. Douglas (N.Y.City) Sec-Treas.

The business was started by Samuel S. Ellis, Jr, and Louis T. Peale, under the above firm style, some years ago. Ellis at that time was a member of the auctioneering firm of Thomas & Sons of this city, with which his father had been connected for years. Peale is an artist by profession and has resided in Phila. for some years. About a year after the incorporation of the company, Ellis withdrew. Mr. Peale is still manager of the Phila. office.

Norman C. Ackert is nominally in charge of the office at 542-5th Ave; he is a young man without any particular qualification for this line of work; his work consists principally of trying to secure contracts from householders, merchants and others who might require the services of independent appraisers - whenever a contract is secured men come over from the Phila. office to do the work. Dr. Walter G. Douglas, who is a dentist with an office at 542-5th Ave, and who is best known as an amateur billiard player and all round athlete, is regarded as the financial backer of Universal Appraisal

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Co. He was a college mate of Mr. Ellis, and when Ellis and Peale were struggling along, Dr. Douglas who has independent means, put in some money. The business did not prosper, as was expected, and Ellis withdrew after Dr Douglas got tired of Ellis's drinking habits, and had purchased his stock which carried control. Ellis is now in charge of the Home and Club Dept. of American Appraisal Co. He speaks well of Peale's ability and integrity, but admits that certain ex-employees, among them Ira B. Hast, have caused dissatisfaction and loss to some customers who lost articles when these employees were making appraisals. Hast is said to have signed a confession of theft in order to escape prosecution at the hands of Dr. Douglas. Hast is now with Continental Appraisal Co, 110 W. 34th St.

In Phila, the company is well regarded, they having done work for University of Penna, Henry W. Brown Co, Chas. B. Townsend, J. B. Lippincott, Bonwit-Teller Co, Jas. Spear, Land Title & Trust Co, Kenneth Blackiston and Harry A. Poth. These are only a few of the customers, all of whom have been satisfied with the work done. There are a few satisfied customers in and around New York.

At this time the company has all its employees bonded, which is said to be done by only one other appraisal Co. This was caused by the dishonesty of several employees several years ago. It has claimed that on several occasions employees of the above company, while engaged in making appraisals for customers, stole some of the property they were to appraise. The company made good to their clients, after which their employees made good to them and were discharged. No criminal actions were brought by the company in making settlements with employees. In return for the leniency shown them, the employees mentioned above have started rival companies or have been employed by other companies, and at every chance they knock the Universal company. Ira B. Hast was one of the above employees.

The company is well regarded locally" PROUDFOOT'S COMMERCIAL AGENCY

SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

April 11-1916.

My dear Mr. Miller. Mr. Edison was already to pay for the food but when he saw my check all written out for it he decided that I should pay it - I see it not that you were looking after Mr. Edison's interests I would feel

Very bad about it but under the circumstances I will not complain.

I've enjoyed your fruit for a long time and I trust that you will enjoy the grape fruit. Yours sincerely

Mina Miller Edison

MINOR C. EASTMAN, PRES. GEO. L. DOTY, VICE PRES. W. G. DOUGLAS, SEC. TREAS.

THE UNIVERSAL APPRAISAL COMPANY
INCORPORATED

PHILADELPHIA
JERSEY CITY

542 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Give to me upon return.
Hold until I have spoken to Mr. Vandergrift

July 24th, 1916.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Madam:-

We are in receipt of your favor of July 21st, and are sending you a copy of our booklet under separate cover.

The scope of our service--the thoroughness with which we operate--and the particular value of a "Universal" Appraisal, are very clearly pointed out on pages one and two. On pages six and eight we have blue penciled two paragraphs that we feel will be of special interest to you. Please take time to read at least a few of the letters in the booklet, as they will give you an idea of our work, not from our standpoint, but from that of our clients. When people pay their good money for a thing, and then not only write you a good letter, but also advise their neighbors to buy--then you know there is something in it.

We should like to have an opportunity of showing you a specimen of our work and of inspecting your household furnishings, books, pictures, etc., and submitting a proposition at a fixed price for the appraisal of the same, with no obligation whatever on your part.

Hoping to hear further from you, we remain,

Yours very truly,

THE UNIVERSAL APPRAISAL COMPANY,

E. S. Norton
Asst. Mgr.

ESN/Em.

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Estimates

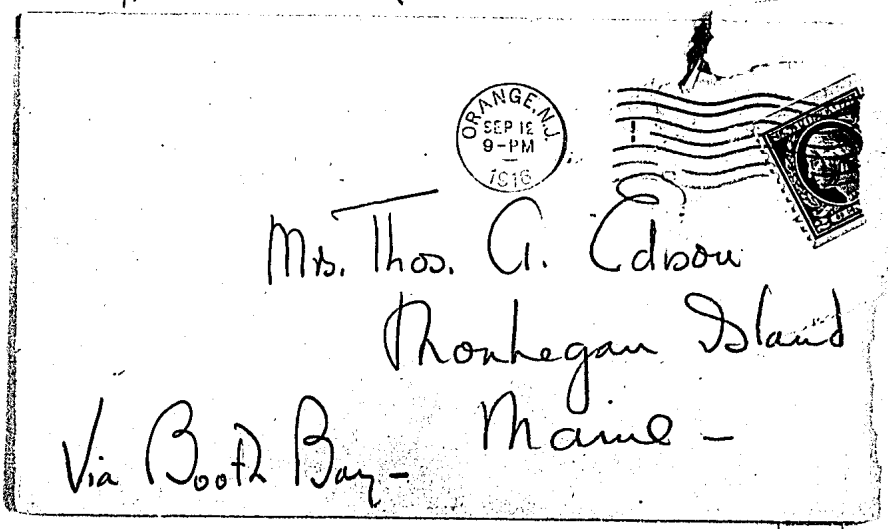
JUST WHAT ARE THE CONTENTS OF THE HOME WORTH ?

Marked Copy

Sept 12 1916

Dearie Mother.

Your good long letter came today and was just what I needed to make me have a good day. The weather is cool and bracing - just the kind of a day to work in - and yesterday I spent in the country at the King's farm. Had a lot of health jamed into me - paddled & tramped and antibled. It left Dad all alone all day & evening but I have put them off so many



many times that I just
didn't have the heart to
do it again. Anyway
Dad shouldn't have come
home until monday —
All your production
about his staying indefe-
initely on his trip went
up in thin air didn't
they. Don't worry so
with things so hard, silly —
Saturday night I
asked John Constable
to come up & he
came just as I
was writing upon my
last letter — (It isn't
a bit nice to say they

[2]

we go across on his teeth
because - with the telegrams
they make quite an impressive
display - nor were they duly
letters either - !!!!)
We sat and talked with
father up till about eleven
o'clock.
Everything is still going
smoothly enough and the
Simpson matter progressing
satisfactorily. There isn't
much we can do now
until he comes to trial.
Well good night mummy top.
Have a good time and altho
we both - and I mean both -
miss you more than you

dreams & we want you
to stay until you get a
really good honor bright rest
and a good time —
Still love you to death. —

E.

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, VICE-PRESIDENT BELVIDERE BROOKS, VICE-PRESIDENT

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Mg Orange NJ 1 PM

Mrs Thos A Edison

Monhegan Island, Me.

Better come soon as possible very lonesome

Thos A Edison

140 PM

MINOR C. EASTMAN, PRES. GEO. L. DOTY, VICE PRES. W. G. DOUGLAS, SEC. TREAS

THE UNIVERSAL APPRAISAL COMPANY

INCORPORATED

PHILADELPHIA
JERSEY CITY

542 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y.

I will tel them person if possible after made down later.

October 2nd, 1916.

10/2

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Madam:-

I am enclosing herewith a list of the names of all those whose homes we have appraised in the Oranges and in your vicinity, so that you may be able to determine if the person who met with the losses you mentioned to me is one of our clients.

If you do not find that person's name on this list, you may rest assured that we did not do the work.

Yours very truly,

C. W. Morgan

CWM/EM.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

10/2/16

Appraisals made by The Universal Appraisal Company in Orange and vicinity

Hamilton Mabie----------Summit, N. J.

E. V. Connett, Jr.----------Convent, N. J.

Clemens Herschel----------Glen Ridge, N. J.

Hon. Wm. M. Johnson----------Hackensack, N. J.

Thomas P. Alder----------Montclair, N. J.
Mrs. F. A. Campbell----------Montclair, N. J.
George W. Cobb----------Montclair, N. J.
L. K. Comstock----------Montclair, N. J.
Frank L. Dyer----------Montclair, N. J.
Floyd W. Mundy----------Montclair, N. J.
Arthur T. Shand----------Montclair, N. J.
Carl Thalheim----------Montclair, N. J.
Gerard B. Townsend----------Montclair, N. J.
Sol. Wright, Jr.----------Montclair, N. J.

Ridley Watts----------Morristown, N. J.
Henry Shaw----------Morristown, N. J.

Montrose Barnard----------South Orange, N. J.
D. Frederick Burnett----------Orange, N. J.
A. J. Grymes----------East Orange, N. J.
E. A. McCoy----------East Orange, N. J.
J. B. McCoy----------East Orange, N. J.
C. M. Schultz----------South Orange, N. J.
Jos. F. Taylor----------East Orange, N. J.
William S. Yerkes----------East Orange, N. J.

Charles C. Burke----------Plainfield, N. J.
Mary deP. Charles----------Plainfield, N. J.
A. D. Findlay----------Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. Chapman Fisk----------Plainfield, N. J.
Sherman B. Joost----------Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. C. T. Lincoln----------Plainfield, N. J.
George T. Manning----------Plainfield, N. J.
Henry McGee----------Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. P. H. Stewart----------Plainfield, N. J.
E. P. Thomas----------Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. T. A. Wells----------Plainfield, N. J.

S. P. Davidge----------Short Hills, N.J.
George E. Potts----------Short Hills, N. J.
C. E. Van Vleck, Jr.----------Short Hills, N. J.

Oct. 6, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I have personally secured, from the various film companies, short lengths of the following subjects:

(a) Departure of Mr. Edison and Mr. Firestone for their camping trip.

(b) Mr. Edison, Mr. Burroughs and Mr. Firestone in camp.

(c) Meeting of the Naval Consulting Board in Washington, September 18th.

I have had these joined up into one film, and thought perhaps you would care to see it run off.

Whenever you are ready, please advise my secretary, the film will be sent to the Kinetophone Studio on Alden Street, and run off at your pleasure.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Mr. Hutchinson -

Mrs Edison asks me to thank you for your letter offering to arrange for her to view the various film pictures of Mr. Edison. Mrs. Edison will let you know later, through your secretary, when she can see them -

Very truly yours
Alice Brooks
Secretary

October 9, 1916.

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TELEPHONE 44 STUYVESANT CABLE ADDRESS "GEOGRABAIN"

32 UNION SQUARE, EAST, NEW YORK, U. S. A.

H. W. SIERICHS, GENERAL MANAGER

Oct. 24, 1916

Dear Mrs. Edison:

We want very much to have some pictures of Mr. Edison in his home. We have many snapshots of him and of you but they do not meet our need. May we send a man out some day to photograph him?

Yours Very Truly,
George Grantham Bain

Madcraft Hasn't an photographer got some Inn Deck of so many people coming to photo

Deferred - Romano

My dear Dr. Mudgeroft -

Mrs. Edison would like to know what should be written in regard to this matter.

Alice Brooks
Secretary

Oct. 31, 1916.

Edison, Mina M.

November 13,1916.

Miss Helen Augusta Hayes,
115 East 34th Street,
New York City,
New York.

My dear Miss Hayes:

Allow me to thank you for your kind invitation to attend the Vocal Recital on next Thursday. I am still pretty closely tied down here, and only get into New York when some special errand calls, and come back on the first train that I can get. It would be impossible anyway to be away Thursday afternoon as Mr. Edison will be away, and I ought to be here.

I trust that all is well with you, and that you are kept as busy as usual. No doubt by this time you are fairly overwhelmed with work. I have no doubt of the outcome because I know the results of your work.

Allow me once more to wish you the highest kind of success, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

November 13,1916.

Prof. Luiji Romano,
Box 27, Station S,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Prof. Romano:

I am sorry for the delay about the photograph, but the fact is that Mrs. Edison does not know just what you want to have her write. Will you please explain more fully just what you wish to have done, and I will try to get Mrs. Edison to do what is required.

Yours very truly,

Assistant to Mr. Edison.

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THOMAS A EDISON

LEWELLYN PARK ORANGE NJ

AM WELL WILL BE HOME WEDNESDAY MORNING LOVE TO ALL.

MINA

1131 PM

TELEPHONE NO. 257

TELEPHONE TO Watchman Margetts Hse

BY D. AT 11.33 A

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TELEPHONE NO. 257

TELEPHONE TO Bittles

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FY PITTSBURG PA 829 PM NOV 21-18

THOS A EDISON ORANGE NJ

WILL REACH PARK PLACE NEWARK SEVEN FIFTY ~~TOMORROW MORNING~~.

MINA

904PM

MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON
ORANGE, N. J.

My dear Mr. Hutchinson -

Mrs. Edison has asked me to thank you for kindly sending her copies of the two photos taken at Sandy Hook in October last.

Very truly yours
Alice Brooks
Secretary

December 17, 1916.

121 PARK AVENUE
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

Send this list to Mr. Bachmann
Robert Parker Coddington is
Dear Sir — approved and I will see this
Mrs. Edison. — through with the
I The first twelve
names on the list are
those of the committee
who have the matter in
charge, All are in the
Works except three —
The other names are of
men who have been
at the Work, some of them
for years.
When the men heard
that you were interested,
and would try to let

them have a room in your church, they were delighted, so pleased that ladies would help them.

You may not find the names on the factory books spelled as I have written them, because they try to shorten them as they are so long & hard to pronounce.

mother wanted me to tell you, she is so happy over the prospect of something being done for the Greeks.

Very Sincerely yours
Elizabeth Lasell.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Committee of twelve.

John Aravanis
Theoharis Theohari — Grocer.
Demosthenes Raptis
Eustathios Kourkoutas — Café
Panayiotis Mavropoulos — Billiard
John Kondopoulos
Haralambos Kontogeorge
Pandelis Makaldidis.
Er Megalomastoras
Philippos Melas.
Do not know 1st name — Klisa
John Spiropoulos.

Simon Ktenas
Aleko Karis
Peter Aravanis
Chas Demitros
John Elisas
Louis Papadopoulos

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Louis Psilos.
Louis Carousis
Nicholas Coundouris
Steve Campas.
John Papanicolas.
John Mouhlas.
Nicholas Demitrakis
George Krahnos.
Nicholas Contogianis
Nicholas Pantelaros.
Speros Jivas
George Theaskalopoulas.

Can give more names
if desired

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1917

This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1917, along with undated items that were probably generated in 1917. Included is correspondence regarding the continuing efforts of Italian composer Luigi Romano (called "the insistent professor" by Edison's assistant, William H. Meadowcroft) to secure an autographed photograph of Pope Benedict XV for Mina Edison. There are also items pertaining to a donation by the Edison Storage Battery Co. for the construction of a Greek church in the Oranges, along with a list of Greek employees working for the Edison companies. A letter from J. W. Hudspeth, a former employee of the Delaware Lackawanna & Western Railroad, seeks Mrs. Edison's support for legislation to train and deploy black troops in the U.S. Army. A letter from John F. Moore, a stockholder in the long defunct Thomas A. Edison, Jr. and William Holzer Steel & Iron Process Co. requests reimbursement for his investment.

MINOR C. EASTMAN, PRES. GEO. L. DOTY, VICE PRES. W. G. DOUGLAS, SEC. TREAS

THE UNIVERSAL APPRAISAL COMPANY

INCORPORATED

542 FIFTH AVENUE

PHILADELPHIA
JERSEY CITY

NEW YORK, N.Y.

January 5th, 1917.

Look up these Estimates for Admiring Mrs. Edison

Look up Mr. Hess

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Madam:-

We feel as though we are losing your work through a misrepresentation made to you regarding our company. The reliability of our men means everything to us. Without it we could not do business. People often confuse us with other companies. An instance of this came to us last week where Messrs. O'Gorman and Young, insurance brokers in Newark, N. J., recommended our company to Mr. Morrison Colyer, a client of theirs desiring an appraisal. He gave the work to another company thinking it was ours, which mistake he discovered by telephoning to us in regard to some detail in connection with the work.

You can realize how anxious we are to serve you in this matter regardless of any monetary profit to us. May we not hear from you favorably?

Very truly yours,

THE UNIVERSAL APPRAISAL COMPANY,

W. G. Douglas

WGD/EM.

Lauste, E

EUGENE LAUSTE
PRIVATE OFFICE
441 West 22nd Street
NEW YORK CITY
TELEPHONE CHELSEA 3204

Deferred

Mr. Meadowcroft 5 January 1917

Dear Mr. Edison

Just few lines to tell you I arrived in this country last month, So I ask you if you good enough to let me know, When it is the best time to see you and Mr. Edison, for which I am allway give him my heart, I am certainly very delighted to shake hand with him and your self, in the mean time kindly accept my best regards and best wishes for the New Year.

Hoping to hear from you very shortly.

I remain Yours Very Faithfully

E. Lauste

Hold until I
from Mr. Backman

221 PARK AVENUE
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

Dear Mrs. Edison Ask Mr. Backman if
She may come do
anything for
having the Greek Church
in charge find that they
are obliged by the rules of
their church to hold their
services in the morning.
therefore they cannot
avail themselves of your
good offer of the room
in your church. They
wanted me to thank

you, and to say how much they appreciated your interest.
I'm sure you will be glad to know they have rented a room in Library Building, have secured the priest, and hope to have the first service next Sunday, which is their New Year.

I believe they have now one thousand dollars towards buying the lot on which to build — & I have the promise of one hundred dollars — Would you be willing to say how much you will contribute when they get enough —
I think it is a great thing for them to have an object to work for.

Sincerely yours.
Elizabeth Lasell.

January 10th.

TAE, INC.—EMPLOYEES

CHARLES EDISON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Edison Storage Battery Co.

THOMAS A. EDISON PRESIDENT
S. S. MANSERT VICE-PRESIDENT AND FINANCIAL EXECUTIVE
ROBERT A. BACHMAN VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER
H. F. MILLER TREASURER
ARTHUR MUDD SECRETARY
OFFICE OF
VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

TRADE MARK
Thomas A. Edison

CABLE ADDRESS
"ZYMOTIC" NEW YORK

ORANGE, N.J., U.S.A., January 11th, 1917

Ask Mr. Bachman if he could give to Mr. Edison

IN REPLYING ADDRESS THE COMPANY AND REFER TO
RAB-9-67

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I am returning herewith Elizabeth Lasell's letter to you of December 14th with list of names of employees of the Edison Companies, which was forwarded to me by your secretary, Alice Brooks, and according to your instructions I have investigated same and find that the following are employed in the various companies here:

NAME	Department	Employed
John Aravanis	Punch Press (Phono)	Off & on since Jan. 1913
Theoharis Theohari	Blk. Making "	" " " " May 1913
Nick Klisa	Buff & Polish "	" " " " Aug. 1912
John Spiropoulos	Blk. Making "	" Nov. 1916
Simon Ktenas	" " "	" " " " Dec. 1914
Aleko Karis	Punch Press "	" " " " Aug. 1912
Peter Aravanis	" " "	" " " " Feb. 1913
Louis Papadopoulos	Buff & Polish "	" " " " May 1915
Louis Carousis	Cyl. Record "	" July 1915
Nick Contogianis	Blk. Making "	" June 1916
Nick Panfelaros	" " "	" " " " May 1916
Demosthenes Raptis	Nickel Plate (Battery)	" Feb. 1912
Karalambos Kontogeorge	Iron Load "	" Apr. 1916
George Vrahnos	Tube Load "	" Sept 1916
Nicholas Demitrakis	" " "	" Sept 1916
Gorge Thaskalopoulas	Iron Load "	" Mar. 1916

It may be possible that all the men are employed here that are given on Miss Lasell's letter, but I am unable to locate them by the names given by her, and it is quite often the Greeks change their names and they may be working here under different names. The names on the list given above are, as near as we can determine, men of good character. Some of them have been employed here steady since 1912; others were re-employed three or four times, but find their records

favorable.

Am sorry this reply has been delayed, but this was on account of not being able to get proper information from the Phonograph Departments. It appears their records are not entirely complete, probably due to some of their records being destroyed in the fire. Several of them had been employed in the Storage Battery buildings during 1915 during the time that the Phonographs were built in the Battery plant. Our records here show that during that period their services were satisfactory and that there was nothing recorded against them.

Hope that this will give you the information desired. If there is anything more I can do I will be honored to have you call on me for any information I can give you. I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Robert A Bachman

V.P. & Gen. Manager.

William S. Knowles & Thorbjorn Bassöe
Architects
280 Madison Avenue New York

Write Wm S. Knowles as what I can do for Edison

Murray Hill 565

Dear Mrs Edison:- 1/20 Jan. 13 1917

We feel very much interested in the project of a Town Hall being about to be built for West Orange. If we could be useful by securing the appointment as architects of such service it would be quite to our minds. I am sure

If you could learn a few particulars for us. it would be fine of you to do it.

I am not acquainted with the action administration of this affair. Nor have I any aptitude for political activities.

It seems to me an architect like a lawyer or a doctor should seem prepared through his fitness for service (what his ability is and for) Hoping you will not feel I am too zealous in writing you this I am very sincerely Yr William S Knowles

Hold this until I can
go to see Mr. Whiting.

January 16,1917.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

The insistent Professor Romano has written me any number of letters in regard to the subject of the autograph photograph of the Pope, to be inscribed to you. I have been putting him off by saying that in due time when you have leisure you would write a letter to the Pope signifying your desire for an autograph picture. This letter would be sent to Professor Romano, who would forward it to Rome through Cardinal Farley of New York.

Of course, it is not my purpose to seek to influence your action in the matter, but to tell the truth I should be glad to see it brought to a focus one way or the other.

I enclose herewith the latest letter I have received from Romano this morning. Will you kindly let me have your reply, and also return to me the letters of Cardinal Gasparri and Cardinal Farley, which I sent you some time ago.

Yours sincerely,

A/1913.

Enclosure

Tarrytown, will observe Edison Day by exercises to be conducted by this trustee. It will give us all keen pleasure to flash upon the screen Mr. Edison's portrait, inscribed to our School! On his behalf I will respond to the applause!

Most truly yours

George Iles

~~Thank him for the photo.~~ and send copy to Mr. Freadwarfth with this photo of his photo

January 25, 1917. to have Mr. Edison make one

PARK AVENUE HOTEL
NEW YORK
FRED A. REED PROPRIETOR
INC.

My dear Mrs. Edison,

A stereofram of Mr Edison is sent to you this morning by Adams Express Company. I trust that it may reach you in safety. It needs strong sunlight when, held at the proper distance, it fuses into unity and solidity.

On Saturday evening, February tenth, Hackley School,

MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON
ORANGE, N. J.

My dear Mr. Beavercroft -

Mrs. Edison asks if you will not kindly have Mr. Edison write the message requested by Mr. Hess (who is a Trustee of the Hartley School) on a photograph of Mr. Edison to be used at the Edison Day Exercises of the school on February tenth -

Very truly yours
Alice Brooks
Secretary

February 1 - 1917

February 6, 1917.

Mr. George Iles,
Park Avenue Hotel,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Iles:

Mrs. Edison has requested me to send to you a photograph of Mr. Edison inscribed by him to The Hackley School and autographed.

I am not quite sure whether or not the Park Avenue Hotel is your permanent address, so in order to make sure that the photograph will be where it is wanted, I am having it mailed direct to The Hackley School at Tarrytown, N.Y., addressed to you.

Trusting this will be satisfactory, and that the photograph will reach you in good order, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Assistant to Mr. Edison.

A/2161.

February 16th, 1917

RAB-9-257

Miss Alice Brooks,
Secretary to Mrs.T.A.Edison,
West Orange, N.J.

My dear Miss Brooks:

I have your letter of February 5th and hope you will pardon me for not answering same sooner. On account of the great task of making all arrangements for Mr. Edison's dinner last Saturday night, I was somewhat delayed in my more unimportant mail, as I have laid aside most everything for that occasion.

In reference to giving financial aid towards the erection of a church for the Greeks in the Oranges, beg to inform you I have turned this over to Mr. R. W. Kellow of the Edison Laboratory, who has been appointed as a Central department for all Edison companies, so that our donations to various organizations would not be duplicated by all the companies. We therefore have a check on same.

I am sending this correspondence to Mr. Kellow with copy of this letter recommending that the Edison Storage Battery Co. give $100.00 towards the erection of a Greek church.

OK SHELL 2/20/17

Yours very respectfully,

Robert A. Backman

Vice President and
General Manager

CC Mr.R.W.Kellow

February 20, 1917.

Miss Alice Brooks,
Secretary to Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park, W. Orange, N. J.

My dear Miss Brooks:-

Mr. R. A. Bachman, Vice President and General Manager, of Edison Storage Battery Company, has sent to me a copy of his letter to you under date of February 16th regarding financial aid towards the erection of a church for Greeks in the Oranges.

A donation of $100 for this purpose has been regularly approved today, in accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Bachman in his letter to you. Will you be good enough to give me Mrs. Edison's instructions as to the society or person in whose favor check is to be drawn, and whether it is desired that the check be sent to Mrs. Edison for her forwarding or to be sent from this office direct?

Yours very truly,

Secretary for
Personal Interests.

CC Mr. R. A. Bachman.

PHONE 4610 ORANGE

J. W. HUDSPETH'S
REAL ESTATE OFFICE
9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

276 MAIN STREET,
EAST ORANGE, N. J.

March9 1917

Mrs Thomas Edison .

Llewellyn Park .

Orange N.J.

My Dear Madam I am writing to that you may give some aid to a matter that I think is Just and necessary in getting Colored men to be allowed the same privilige in the Armerys to prepare for war as other men . I do not mean money , by any means I mean that you get some one of your friends , ## interested that such #may be come federal Law . I have writen Mr Edison through a Mr A.M. Almquist who ## is employed by Mr Edison I know### a Mrs Richard Lacy that lives in Nashville Tenn , ######### near the Vanderbilt University she was telling me last June that she belong to one of the Ladies clubs that you belong to and I think she said she was out to see you ######### ### one or two years a go I us to work for her Husband in Franklin K.Y. before they were married ,the reason I mention these things Mrs Edison I thought may be that some of your# Ladies Clubs may be able to aid in this cause It was the 23 day of April 1913 that Iwaited on you and sone friends at the Hoboken Station you all had breakfast in the station that morning one young man in the party .

Thanking you in advance

Very Truly Yours. J. W. Hudspeth

P.S. Mrs Edison I have waited on Mr Jacob Lamed now Mrs Finly Shearly and Mr John Jacob Astor while I was a red cap for the N.L.S.A.R.R. Co. If you would only speak to these Ladies I am sure they would help

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SECRETARIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL.

Memorandum No. 1398

SUBJECT: Mrs. Thomas A. Edison

Donation for Greek Church

Date June 18, 1917.

Miss Alice Brooks, Secretary
to Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Miss Brooks:

Perhaps you will recall that we wrote you under date of February 20, 1917 regarding a donation towards the erection of a church for Greeks in the Oranges, stating that a donation of $100.00 had been approved for this purpose, in accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Bachman, Vice President and General Manager of the Edison Storage Battery Company. Under date of February 23, 1917, you addressed the writer as follows:

> "Mrs. Edison very much appreciates the donation of $100.00 from the Storage Battery Company for the Greek Church Fund. The check need not be made out until the parties are ready for it, at which time we will let you know. They are glad of the assurance of that amount however.
>
> Yours very truly,
>
> Alice Brooks, Secretary."

This is being brought to your attention again at this time, with the thought that perhaps the matter has escaped your attention. Will you not kindly call it to Mrs. Edison's attention again? I shall of course await instructions from Mrs. Edison before preparing the check.

If the check is to be drawn, will you kindly advise me whether or not it should be made payable to Elizabeth Lasell, who signed the letter requesting the donation.

Thanking you, I am,

R. W. Kellow,

Secretary.

MH

August 13th, 1917

Mr. Thomas A. Edison:

Attached is a very diplomatic letter from Mr. John Felix Moor of Dodge Center, Minnesota, which for your convenience I have had typed. This letter was handed to me by Mrs. Edison.

I do not imagine that you will care to take any notice of this but think you may be interested in looking it over.

Please let me have your comments.

R. W. KELLOW
Secretary.

Did not show this to Mr Edison for obvious reasons.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Dodge Center, Minnesota, Aug. 4th., 1917.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison, Orange, N.J.

Madam: I am a cripple — have been for 38 years — and get about in a wheeled chair. Am very poor. Am writing concerning the following matter:

More than fifteen years ago I saw advertised in the N.Y. Tribune Farmer — of which Mr. Whitelaw Reid was proprietor — an advertisement of the Thos. A. Edison Jr. and Wm. Holzer Steel and Iron Process Co. This company claimed to have a process for hardening metals that is superior to the Krupp process. Your son was president and his uncle vice president of the company. I purchased a $100 share of its stock. But I have never received any income from it nor can sell or raise money on it. Will you kindly purchase it from me so as to fully compensate me for the full value of its purchase? You may either send the money direct to me or through your son's second cousin Attorney H. J. Edison, Kasson, Minnesota and I will gladly make it certain that the matter will thence forth be looked up as far as I am concerned.

I had the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of Congress to look up the matter and

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

he secured for me from the chief of a Federal Bureau the information that it was "a swindle pure and simple" and that I could not recover from the company that of which I "had been robbed." I have this in "white and black."

Said chairman also told me that they never had such a process, and said, referring to the youths' father, that "the old man himself is none to straight."

Attorney Edison of Kasson told me — I still have the letter — that he always understood it to be a swindle. He has to bear the fact that he is related also to old Seel Edison, your husband's uncle, who left here under a shadow.

Now madam, your family is immensely wealthy and ought to make some amends for the wrongs of some of its members especially where such act of justice would do only what an act of mercy and humanity would not pass by unnoticed. I know an inventor who cannot be induced to submit the products of his genius to the board at Washington of which Mr. Edison is a member because he fears he would be robbed of it all. This is a time to be patriotic especially by making wrongs right, the country suffers not from them. Sincerely,

John Felix Moor,
Box 23, Dodge Center
Minnesota.

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Dodge Center, Minesota,
August 4th, 1917.

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Sincerely,

John Felix Moor,
Box 23, Dodge Center,
Minnesota.

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- Mrs. Edison's Whitman & Barnes Mfg. Co. Stock, 1917-1918

This folder contains correspondence relating to Mina Edison's efforts to sell her shares in the Whitman & Barnes Manufacturing Co., an Akron-based company that manufactured tools and farm implements. The principal correspondents are investment broker Claire App and Stephen B. Mambert, financial executive of Thomas A. Edison, Inc.

Gilbert Eliott & Co.
27 Pine Street, New York
Telephone John 6210

May 2, 1917.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N.J.

Dear Madam:

We beg to confirm our telephonic conversation of this date in reference to WHITMAN & BARNES MFG. CO. stock and to advise that at the present time we can pay $90. per share for any part of 100 shares, the dividend of May 15th included. We can also sell, subject to previous sale, 100 shares at 97½, May 15th dividend included.

The market is extremely wide, but this is the best we can do at the moment.

Assuring you that we appreciate past favors and trusting to be in receipt of definite advices, should you desire to either buy or sell, we are

Yours very truly,
GILBERT ELIOTT & CO.
per

EC. Ball, Mgr.,
Miscellaneous
Securities
Department.
VM.

Mr. Ball understands that Mrs Edison holds 77 + 10% on 87 Shares.
Stock on 6% Basis.

Mr. Marchant I want to sell this stock and would like par if possible. Will you take this up with proper persons.

Look up the stock request - in Akron papers

CLAIRE APP

HIGH GRADE

INVESTMENTS

AKRON, OHIO, June 7, 1917.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

I had an inquiry for 50 shares of Whitman & Barnes just before receiving your card. Part of this order has already been filled, only an odd number of shares being now wanted. This was the only order in the market at this time.

I will be very glad to let you know regarding the next inquiry for this stock I have. In the meantime you might advise whether or not you would care to split up your 50 shares, in case there was a demand for a less number, or whether you would only dispose of the 50 in one lot.

Yours very truly,

Claire App

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CLAIRE APP
401 SECOND NATIONAL BUILDING
AKRON OHIO

MINA M EDISON ACCEPTS BID EIGHTY NINE FOR TWENTY FIVE SHARES

WHITMAN BARNS STOCK

S B MAMBERT

CONFIRMATION
To Addressee

1347-2-2500-517

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION
THOMAS A. EDISON AFFILIATED INTERESTS
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

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CLAIRE APP
401 Second National Building
Akron Ohio

MY TELEGRAPHIC OFFER TENTH TO SELL TWENTY FIVE SHARES
WHITMAN BARNES AT EIGHTY NINE KINDLY WIRE ANSWER
R H ALLEN ASHWOOD TERRACE WEST ORANGE COLLECT

S B MAMBERT

CONFIRMATION
To Addressee

WESTERN UNION

Form 60 A

TELEGRAM

Oct. 13 1912

R. H. Allen

effort to deliver a telegram to you at 4 P.M. o'clock failed because
re was no one to receive it at the address given in the message. The telegram has been
rned to the Western Union Office at 238 Main St. Orange
ere it may be had on presentation of this notice, or it will be sent to you upon request.

TELEPHONE ORANGE 43

lephone No. Telegram No. 168 Messenger No. 104

Sold 20 W B 89
Mrs. Edison
6-29 9.
can app
Cons

Sold 20 Whitman
Barnes 89 Mrs Edison
and so wired her
yesterday. Please
rush delivery.
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Blaine
app

CLAIRE APP

HIGH GRADE

INVESTMENTS

AKRON, OHIO October 20, 1917.

Mrs. Mina M. Edison,

Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:-

On or about the 9th of this month I addressed cards to Whitman & Barnes stockholders quoting the market. In reply on the 10th, I received a wire signed S. B. Mambert reading "Mina M. Edison accepts bid 89 for 25 shares Whitman Barnes stocks".

On the 11th I wrote you regarding the situation and on the 12th, having made a sale, I wired you as follows: "Sold twenty five shares Whitman Barnes for you at eighty nine net", and confirmed this by letter.

On the 13th I received a message signed H. B. Mambert reading "My telegraphic offer tenth to sell twenty five shares Whitman Barnes at eighty nine. Kindly wire answer R. H. Allen, Ashwood Terrace, West Orange, collect.

I presumed Mambert to be your secretary but cannot understand this wire of the 13th, when I had already wired and written on the 12th. However I sent a message to R. H. Allen on the 13th, as follows: Sold twenty five Whitman Barnes eighty nine Mrs Edison and so wired her yesterday. Please rush delivery".

Not having heard anything at all in reply to these various communications, nor received any stock, I sent a wire on the 18th to S. B. Mambert reading "Advised Mrs. Edison by

wire and letter Friday of sale twenty five Whitman Barnes. Also wired R. H. Allen, West Orange, Saturday confirming sale, at your suggestion. Will you kindly advise me by mail regarding stock and when I may expect delivery."

Up to this writing, Saturday P. M., I have had no reply to this last wire.

The parties to whom I sold have been asking for delivery of stock. I have had to make excuses for the delay. The situation is such now that purchasers may make a demand on me-at any time-for the stock, or they may refuse to accept it should it come in within a few days. I heard of some other stock that I might have had but turned it down because I had sold yours for you.

In order that I may be in a position to satisfy the purchasers of the 25 shares, will you kindly wire me as soon as possible when I may expect delivery. I would like to make a report Monday morning.

Trusting I may hear from you as above, I am,

Yours very truly,

CLAIRE APP
HIGH GRADE
INVESTMENTS
AKRON, OHIO

October 24, 1917.

Mr. Mandel — I shall hold the balance of my stock unless the price goes to par or above them I would like to know quotations

Mrs. Mina Miller Edison,
Llewellyn Park, Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:-

The 25 shares Whitman & Barnes stock came in to the First Second National Bank yesterday and I immediately took same up, paying draft for $2225.00

Our letters relative to this transaction must have crossed. Not having had any other advice but a wire, and that from some other party, I wanted to be sure the transaction was all right.

If I had had the stock to offer yesterday, I could have sold a 10 share lot at 89 net. If you wish to dispose of more and will give me a firm order to do so, it will give me something to work on. You can give me the limit as to price and the total number of shares. Also the smallest number you would sell. That is if you had 50 to sell, whether you would let 10 go, if that was the only order at that time.

Yours very truly,

Claire App

THOMAS A. EDISON

ORANGE, N.J.

OFFICE OF
FINANCIAL EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CHARLES EDISON CHAIRMAN
THOMAS A. EDISON
S. B. MAMBERT FINANCIAL EXECUTIVE
H. F. MILLER TREASURER
R. W. KELLOW SECRETARY

October 24, 1917.

Mr. Claire App,
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Mr. App:

Mrs. Edison has just referred to me for answer your letter of October 20, 1917, and it is a matter of deep regret to both Mrs. Edison and myself that conditions within our control should be such as you very justly describe in your letter.

On behalf of Mrs. Edison and myself I wish to express to you our apology for the inconvenience which you have been caused by a misunderstanding for which you were in no way to blame.

The facts of the case are that for the past six months I had been handling matters of this nature for Mrs. Edison, it having been decided about three years ago that the financial interests of the Edison family were extensive enough to require the services of an executive, who would be authorized to decide questions of a financial policy, etc. which are constantly coming up in regard to the different companies in which the Edison family were financially interested.

Mrs. Edison referred to me the card relative to the Whitman & Barnes stock to which you refer in the first paragraph of your letter, and I immediately wired Mrs. Edison's acceptance of bid for 25 shares.

At the time this occurred Mrs. Edison was away from home, and it was unfortunate that your reply, instead of being addressed to me in regard to the wire which I sent you, was addressed to Mrs. Edison, and whatever telegrams and letters you sent her naturally were forwarded from address to address without attaining the definite result which you desired.

In answer to my follow-up inquiry of the 13th asking for an answer, I received the wire to which you refer in the fourth paragraph of your letter, and I immediately communicated with Mrs. Edison and from her received the confirmation that you had communicated with her direct. As soon as I received your wire of the 18th, I endeavored again to get in touch with Mrs. Edison, but in view of the fact that the matter had to a certain extent been taken out of my hands by your direct communication to her, I was not able to push the matter to the extent I would have had I been handling same direct with you.

We regret very much the inconvenience which you have been caused by this misunderstanding, and Mrs. Edison, Mr. Charles Edison and the writer have spent considerable time reviewing the causes of the delays to which you refer, and I believe that the combination of circumstances which have made possible your very just complaint have been entirely removed and a repetition of same in connection with any of our future business relations, either with you or with anyone else, will be practically impossible.

In the meantime Mrs. Edison received from the custody of her Treasurer, Mr. Miller, the 25 shares of stock referred to in your communication and forwarded same to you on Friday, the 19th.

Thanking you for your patience and kindness throughout this entire matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

S.B.M.

Financial Executive.

CLAIRE APP
HIGH GRADE
INVESTMENTS

AKRON, OHIO October 27, 1917.

Mr. S. B. Mambert, Financial Executive.,
Thomas A. Edison, Orange, N. J.

Dear Sir:-

I appreciate your letter of the 24th, just at hand. However no apologies were necessary. The people to whom I had made the sale were calling me up every day and I was anxious to give them a definite date of delivery. In case there had been a mix up I wanted to know it as soon as possible so as to look elsewhere for the stock.

The reason I wrote direct to Mrs. Edison, I did not know of your present arrangement. I had also had some correspondence with Mrs. Edison on a personal matter and her reply was always signed by another party, presumably by her secretary. I presumed the Whitman & Barnes matter was being handled in a similar manner.

If I can be of further service I trust I may hear from you again.

Yours very truly,

Claire App

Form 2289 K

WESTERN UNION

NIGHT LETTER

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, VICE-PRESIDENT NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT BELVIDERE BROOKS, VICE-PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT 70 MAIN ST. ORANGE, N. J.

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STEPHEN B MAMBERT

EDISON LAB ORANGE NJ

CHARLES AND HARRY MILLER CAN GET BONUS STOCK IF CHARLES AWAY THIRDON WILL GO WITH HARRY MILLER KEY IN HOME SAFE THIRDON KNOWS COMBINATION THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AFTER CONDITION HOT HERE ALL WELL.

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THOMAS A. EDISON

ORANGE, N.J.

OFFICE OF
FINANCIAL EXECUTIVE

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R. W. KELLOW — SECRETARY

February 4, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

On Saturday I received from you the following telegram:

"Charles and Harry Miller can get Bonus Stock. If Charles away Theodore will go with Harry Miller. Key in home safe. Theodore knows combination. Thank you for looking after condition. Hot here. All well."

Mr. Charles was absent, and Mr. Theodore stated that he had no written authority from you to secure access to the safe deposit vault. Upon communication with the Fidelity Trust Company, I was informed that your written permission would be necessary in order to secure possession of the Whitman and Barnes Stock.

I therefore wired you as follows:

"Kindly send me special delivery letter, as follows: February second, nineteen eighteen, I hereby designate for this one time only Mr. Harry F. Miller as my deputy to have access and control of the contents of safe number four six nine, now rented by me of Fidelity Trust Company. Signed Mina M. Edison, witness, Thomas A. Edison."

Upon receipt of the temporary appointment thus provided, I will promptly secure the stock certificates and forward them to the National City Bank, Akron, Ohio.

Faithfully yours,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY MR. MAMBERT.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Key West, Florida.

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Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1918

This folder contains correspondence from 1918. Included are several letters written to Mina Edison, while the family was vacationing in Florida. Letters by Edison's assistant, William H. Meadowcroft, comment on the final illness of his wife, Phoebe Canfield Meadowcroft, who died on March 14, 1918. Also included is a remark by Meadowcroft that Edison was "suffering keenly from disappointment" that his war work for the U.S. government was not sufficiently appreciated. "He does not wear his heart on his sleeve . . . and only those who know him well realise how greatly he was discouraged." In addition, there are letters to Mina Edison from Arthur Bestor, president of the Chautauqua Institution, regarding the National Service School to be held at Chautauqua and the purchase of property "in connection with your fine plan for the beautification of the grounds in the vicinity of the Miller Cottage and your plan for the permanent memorial there."

Thomas A. Edison,

Orange, N.J. February 5,1918.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

It is a pleasure to think that you are luxuriating in the balmy climate of the far - Sunny South. I hope that you and Mr. Edison are enjoying it to the utmost, and that you are both deriving a great deal of benefit therefrom.

Up here we are in the grip of the hardest Winter in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The thermometer seems to be enfeebled in its lower extremity and most of the time seems to lack sufficient energy to climb much above the zero mark. Last Saturday morning and this morning, it was 15° below zero, and this is a bitterly cold day, as a strong wind is blowing from the Northwest, which makes it equal to at least 25 below zero. So you may congratulate yourselves on being where you are.

Now in regard to Mr. Edison's birthday, our people have gotten up some very simple birthday emblems. They are not as elaborate as in former years, but I suppose you would like to have a supply of them anyway, so I am sending you 100.

I am sorry to say that my wife has been really seriously ill ever since Christmas. There has been an entire nervous collapse, which together with a gastro-intestinal trouble, sciatica and a troublesome cough, have combined to make her pretty much of a wreck. However, I have had Doctors in consultation and they are doing their best to fix her up. As soon as she is able to move around a little, they recommend that she should go to Atlantic City for a while. I think there are some slight signs of encouragement in her conditions, which lead me to have hopes of an improvement before long. Pardon me for inflicting my personal troubles, but I thought you would like to know about her.

With kindest regards and all good wishes to you and Mr. Edison, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Meadowcroft

Mrs. Thos.A.Edison,
Ft.Myers, Fla.

MAYOR'S OFFICE

SAN FRANCISCO

February 7th, 1918.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Edison:

I find on my return home from Washington, your Christmas and New Year Greetings, which are not only very much appreciated, but warmly reciprocated.

May the New Year bring you and yours an abundance of good cheer.

Very sincerely yours

James Rolph Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

Cable Address "Edison, New York"

From the Laboratory of Thomas A. Edison,

Orange, N.J.

Keep this future reference

February 20, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

It was certainly very kind indeed of you to write me such a nice long letter, and I appreciated it very much. The news you have sent me about Mr. Edison is a source of real and deep gratification, especially when you say he is happy. I am sincerely glad to hear it, for he thoroughly deserves to experience great happiness. His labors for the country have been arduous and entirely founded on true and unselfish patriotism, and until he reached Key West have not been appreciated except by a very few, and I think he was suffering keenly from disappointment. He does not wear his heart on his ~~[illegible]~~ sleeve, - far from it, - and only those who know him well realise how greatly he was discouraged. He had good reason to be, but his tremendous courage and mental strength and fighting qualities sustained him.

I am greatly delighted that he has fallen in with a lot of men who realise the value of his thoughts and plans, and hope now that the course of events will be such as will bring him out upon the high plane where he belongs in connection with his work for the Government. I am looking forward to the day of Mr. Edison's triumph over bureaucracy whose representatives have ice water instead of red blood in their veins when other than their own ideas are in question.

Evidently you all had a beautiful time on Mr. Edison's birthday, and I am glad of it. My regret is that I could not have been a partaker in the festivities. Many thanks to you for sending me the flower he wore. Before this reaches you, you will have had the pleasure of seeing Charles and Theodore. They are on the way.

You might tell Mr. Edison that his son Tom has been in bed a week with Grippe, Inflammation of the bladder, Bronchitis and head congestion. I learn today that he is improving. There was some danger of pneumonia, but I understand that has passed.

I am sorry to say my wife is no better. She has sciatica and neuritis in addition to the nervous breakdown. Poor little girl - She suffers greatly. I am having a specialist from New York go up to see her.

With kindest regards, I remain, sincerely yours, W. H. Meadowcroft

U. S. NAVAL STATION
KEY WEST, FLA.

Feb. 26, 1918.

Mrs Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers Fla.

My dear Mrs. Edison:- I am inclosing herewith seven letters received in this morning's mail. Mr. Edison is well and in good spirits. The Phonograph and Records for the Commandant and Mrs. Grant arrived yesterday and Mr. Hayes opened it and set it up for Commander Grant and it is in good working order. It was too bad it did not arrive before Mrs and Miss Grant left with you but they will have the pleasure of looking forward to enjoying it when they return. Mr. Theodore Edison met with a small disappointment today in that the Island they have selected for their experiments is on the range of gun practice for the Naval ships here and would not be a safe place for them so they have gone on an exploration trip for another place. Their material and supplies are all here and ready to be loaded on "The Sachem" but they will be delayed till they can find a suitable place.

I am mailing a letter to Mr. Charles Edison in the same mail as this from Mr. Edison. I am,

Very respectfully,

Charles B. Hanford.

UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION
KEY WEST, FLORIDA March 6 1918

My dear Mrs Edison:-

Your generous gift and remembrance endear you in the hearts of all the boys. I can assure you that the receipt of the luscious fruit was a most welcome surprise but that you bore me in your thoughtful kindness I greatly appreciate

your aviator friends here are all in a state of subdued excitement. Ensign Lacy White was ordered to duty abroad and left the station on Monday evening. Ensigns Coddington and Johnson are to leave for duty abroad on or before the first of April. The following is sub rosa. Volunteers from our station

have been request to transfer to the Marine Aviation Corps for immediate duty abroad in the fighting line. Our very best have requested the transfer. Personally I am sorry for the disintegration as I have been with these boys since they entered the service and wanted as like to keep them wherever they may be. We now have two divisions on the station. One flies every day to the great amusement of the population of this district.

It was with a sense of joy that I was able to pronounce Theodore's head - action perfect this granting him his heart's desire - a flight. Also, there is no possibility of the acceptance of your invitation via aeroplane - much to our regret. Please to extend to Mrs. Eden Mrs Grant Miss Eleanor and Theodore my regards. In the hope that you will soon again grace our home on the beach and that life is dealing kindly with you

I am sincerely yours
Sophie C. McLeod

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Trenton N.J. April 10. 1898.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
W. Orange N.J.

Dear Madam:

Being informed that Mr. Edison at present time is occupied with work of greatest importance, to which he gives all his time and attention, and does not want to be disturbed, I hereby take the liberty to turn to you begging you to do me the great favor of sending a petition to Board of Pardon for my liberation on parole

As I mentioned in my letter of Oct 29, I was arrested July 27, sentenced Oct 29, to two to three years in prison, charged with lunacy, and accused of things to which I am not guilty, and I am convinced, that if I had had means to spend for my defense, I would never have been sentenced, but as things stand now, I can do nothing but wait till I get out, and then take the matter in my own hands, in order to clear myself from these false accusations, which is my highest ambition for the future, and the main reason why I ask you the great favor mentioned.

Concerning references, I beg to

mention, that I was with the Edison Company for about 2½ years, until the day of my arrest, living in W. Orange, 85 Valley Road, during all that time, and engaged there, as well as in other communities where I have lived, an undisputable good reputation by everybody who knew me. I worked right under Mr. Edison as research chemist, in the chemical laboratory, for about one year, and I am sure, that I during that time never gave him any cause of complaint as to behavior or character. I refer furthermore to Mr. W. Meadowcroft, secretary to Mr. Edison, Mr. J. Ramstedt, chief engineer, Mr. F. Olsen chief draftsmen, and Mr. Kray night superintendent of dynamo plant, by all of whom I am well known personally, and who will give me the best recommendations, not only as to good character, but also as to good, sensible, moral, and unselfish points of view.

I also beg to mention that I, a few days ago, had a letter from Mr. J. Siegler, attorney at law in Newark, the state lawyer in charge of my case, telling me, that the only way for me to be released from here, was through

board of Pardon, and that he would be glad to give me any assistant in this direction, that he possibly could. It is to remember, that it was on his advice I changed my plea from not guilty to non vault, telling me, that if I did so, the highest sentence I would get would be three months, but, that I, most likely, on account of my excellent character, would only get probation. But if I really should get a term in penitentiary, he promised me for sure, that he would get me out in a month. On account of a new law passed, taking the power away from a trial judge to sentence a man, he of course is unable to fullfill his promise.

As information I beg to mention, that petitions for parole should be sent to Parole Agent, State House, Trenton N.J. not later than May 21, and that parole blanks, as well as all necessary information can be obtained from same direction.

Appreciating an answer at your early convenience, I remain

Very truly yours

B. Stahl.

CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua Institution

Chautauqua, New York

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 27, 1918

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Glenmont, Llewellyn Park
Orange, New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Edison:

We very much appreciate your willingness to allow us to use your name as a member of the Advisory Committee of the National Service School, and know that you will rejoice with us in the enclosed announcement which will be made in the Weekly today. As far as the administration of the School is concerned its success is assured by Mrs. Vincent's appointment.

In view of the lateness of the announcement by the Washington authorities, we have not been able as yet to get as wide publicity as was desired to assure a large enrollment and we need your help just at this time in suggesting the names of women to whom we can send announcement of the School. Any personal assistance which you can give in the way of communicating by letter or otherwise with such people would be of the very greatest help. Will you not give me the list of women who might be interested in the School?

We are delighted to note that you are planning to be at Chautauqua this summer. I do hope that you will make your stay just as long as possible. We are always glad to have you with us.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Arthur E. Bestor

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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

SIXTH NATIONAL SERVICE SCHOOL

Chautauqua, N. Y., July 15-August 24—Joint Auspices Chautauqua Institution and Woman's Naval Service, Inc.

It is with great satisfaction that Chautauqua Institution is able to announce the appointment of Mrs. George E. Vincent of Greenwich, Conn., as Commandant of the National Service School to be held at Chautauqua this summer. Mrs. Vincent is a graduate of Wellesley College and has a wide acquaintance thruout the country. She has been a leader in every community where the Vincents have lived—Buffalo, Chicago, Minneapolis, and New York City. When Dr. Vincent was Principal of Instruction and President of the Institution, Mrs. Vincent was each summer at Chautauqua, and was a leader in all pageants and outdoor affairs. She is known everywhere as a lover of outdoor life. It was to be expected that she would give herself largely to war activities when America went into the struggle. Mrs. Vincent is a member of the National War Work Council of the Y. W. C. A. and of the Committee for the Fatherless Children of France. She belongs to the motor corps of the National League for Woman's Service. Her only son, John, is an artillery observer in the Aviation Corps, and her son-in-law, Paul Vincent Harper, is an artillery officer.

Mrs. Vylla Poe Wilson of Washington, D. C., will represent the National Committee of the Woman's Naval Service, Inc., during the first three weeks of the Chautauqua School, and Miss Elizabeth E. Poe, the Chairman, and other members of the National Committee will doubtless be at Chautauqua from time to time during the summer.

The officers of the School will be largely recruited from those who have taken the National Service School courses in Washington.

The following women well-known at Chautauqua have consented to act as an Advisory Committee to assist in any way possible in making the National Service School a success:

Mrs. C. B. Ames, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Arthur E. Bestor, Chautauqua, New York.

Miss S. Flora Broadhead, Jamestown, New York.

Mrs. Ame Studebaker Carlisle, South Bend, Indiana.

Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey, Independence, Kansas.

Mrs. Shailer Mathews, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Robert A. Miller, New York City.

Mrs. H. C. McEldowney, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. William L. Ransom, New York City.

Mrs. Alburn E. Skinner, Westfield, New York.

Mrs. Theodore B. Westgate, Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Margaret McKelvy
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker.
Austin, Tex.

Mrs. Mina Miller Edison.
Orange, N.J.

CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua Institution

Chautauqua, New York

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 14, 1918

Mrs. Mina Miller Edison
Llewellyn Park
East Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I wonder whether you would be willing to join with the Institution in the purchase of the property owned by Miss A.E.C. Dunn in connection with your fine plan for the beautification of the grounds in the vicinity of the Miller Cottage and your plan for the permanent memorial there.

Miss Dunn is very anxious, as you perhaps know, to dispose of her property and we have been negotiating with her with reference to an annuity. Her idea of the value of the property is of course very much exaggerated and you can well understand that she is not an easy person to negotiate with. It appears, however, that we can purchase the property for $4,000 and that she is willing to accept $75 a month until paid for. The properties are probably worth from $3,300 to $3,600 and I think could be purchased for $3,500 each. Four thousand dollars probably would not be an exorbitant price to pay if the payments were to be made over a series of years.

Would you be willing to join with the Institution on the basis of the Institution paying one third and taking No. 7 North Terrace and you paying two thirds and taking Nos. 5 and 7 Asbury Avenue and No. 8 North Terrace? I am sure that you would be very much interested to have the thing cleared up and this plan would assure Miss Dunn of a sufficient income for the next few years.

Cordially yours,

Arthur E. Bestor

AEB-BI

My dear Mr. Bestor.
Mrs. Dunn has written me concerning these lots. I wonder if I could see you when you come in New York at any time soon? I would like to understand the situation more thoroughly before doing anything definite. Yours truly
Mina Miller Edison

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Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
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Correspondence -- General, 1919

This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1919, along with undated items that were probably generated in 1919. Included are telegrams to and from Mina Edison that was sent during her vacation in western Canada in July and August. Also included are letters relating to a dinner in honor of Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, and correspondence with Anna Bjorkander, a former member of the Glenmont service staff who was seeking Mina's assistance to return to America. In addition, there are letters pertaining to fire insurance on the Edison property at Chautauqua and the construction there of a memorial park. The correspondents include Nanette Bryan, secretary of the Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Association; Rev. Frank MacDaniel, head master of the Pennington School, and George W. Rowland, superintendent of the Chautauqua Institution. Some of the letters addressed to Mina Edison were forwarded to the laboratory and contain comments by Thomas Edison.

bring vividly to ceremony a day of which Mr Choate never tired of talking — "the red letter day of his life". Just about a week before he died he walked up to the photograph of Mr Edison and himself as they stood at the library door, and referred with much feeling and appreciation to what Mr Edison had done for his country and the world.

In the hope that my place here on the hills may have this great privilege,

Very sincerely yours
Arthur Williams

TELEPHONE, ROSLYN SEVEN

THREE OAKS
ROSLYN, LONG ISLAND

Monday
5 May 1919

Dear Mrs Edison

On Sunday May 25 a number of friends are lunching with me here, in honor of Judge Elliot H Gary and I have wondering if there might be any favoring circumstances which would give the added honor and the unusual pleasure, of your own and Mr Edison's company at that time. My small place is about an hour — twenty one miles — from Delmonicos and the roads are all very good. You need not be told how delighted I would be could you come.

Perhaps an added inducement would be the "movie" of Mr and Mrs Choate's visit at the library which I have been very anxious to have you and Mr Edison see. It is very short but

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May 27, 1919.

My dear Mr. West:-

Mr. Edison and I appreciated very much your thought of us and your invitation of May 12th to be your guests at the dinner to Lieut.General and Lady Baden-Powell. Illness in our family has delayed my acknowledgment until today and would have prevented our acceptance.

Mr. Edison and I both regret very much indeed that it was necessary for us to miss the pleasure of being with you.

Very sincerely,

Mrs Thomas A. Edison

Mr. James E. West,
Chief Scout Executive,
Boy Scouts of America,
New York City.

One copy sent to Mrs Edison → Done
Further Papers
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Mr. Edison
Thompson

May 27, 1919.

Mr. Albert Thompson,
"Great Oaks",
Doncaster Boulevard,
Jamaica Estates,
Jamaica, Long Island,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Edison has referred to me your letter of May 14, 1919 regarding the housing problem.

If you care to run over to West Orange to see me regarding this and give me the details you have, I shall be very glad to see you at almost any time to suit your convenience. Will you kindly communicate with me in advance, letting me know on what day you plan to be here, if you care to come.

Mrs. Edison is at present contemplating the building of a small cottage or lodge of about six rooms to accommodate her chauffeur and family, and if you have anything to offer in this direction, I should be glad to hear from you.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Mr. Thompson called and presented various drawings depicting his plans of erecting apartment houses so as to secure maximum room, light and air and pleasant surroundings. All papers turned over to Mrs. Edison with view as not interested. Letter & the papers returned to Mr. Thompson.

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cc Mrs Edison

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May
Twenty-
Ninth, 1919.

My dear Mr. MacDaniel:-

Mrs. Edison thanks you for your kind letter of May 26th.

Since writing you a few days ago however, very much to Mrs. Edison's regret, it has been found necessary for Mr. Theodore Edison to have a slight operation performed on his throat and nose and Mrs. Edison feels that she must be with him, and so will not be able to attend the Commencement Exercises.

Faithfully yours,

Mr. Frank MacDaniel,
The Pennington School,
Pennington, N. J.

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My dear Mrs. Edison: I certainly regret to hear that your son, Theodore, is not well. I trust it is nothing serious, and, possibly, he will be so improved that you can still come down to the Commencement on June 10th. The Governor of the state, Gov. Runyon, will speak @ 3 P.M., a memorial tablet will be unveiled, and trees planted in memory of our boys of the school who died in the war. 152 of my boys were in the service. Mrs MacDaniel and myself would be so glad to welcome you. You have never been here, and will you not if Theodore's condition improves, come down. Possibly your brother John and Mrs Perrine would come with you. How we would all feel greatly honored if Mr. Edison would come.

Hoping indeed we may yet see you and sending sympathy regarding your son —

Yours Sincerely,

Frank MacDaniel.

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W A MEADOWCROFT

THOS A EDISON ORANGE NJ

EXPECT TO ARRIVE IN NEWYORK SATURDAY MORNING WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WILL PHONE MRS EDISON I WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THEM SATURDAY OR SUNDAY IF CONVENIENT TO HER BUT I DONT WANT TO INTRUDE PLEASE WIRE ME COLLECT CARE EDISON ELECTRIC APPLIANCE CO CHICAGO WILL IT BE CONVENIENT

F D FAGAN

JUNE 18-19 745 AM

Monday lunch

TRANSCRIPTION SERVICE DEPARTMENT — JUN 18 1929

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Telegram

June 18/19

F. D. Fagan
care Edison El. Appliance Co
Chicago, Ills.

Mrs Edison has engagements Saturday and Sunday but she hopes you can take lunch with the family on Monday.

W. H. Meadowcroft

Sent W.U. 6/18/19
12.45 pm
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Gene Gap

"THE LONG LONG TRAIL INTO A FAR COUNTRY"
Courtesy of New York Tribune

Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Association

Incorporated

New York Trust Company

One East Fifty-Seventh Street

Telephone Plaza 572

New York,

June 19, 1919.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Association a motion was carried that our members be requested to form Committees in their Summer colonies to give our project much needed publicity and to raise funds for Roosevelt House.

It was the sense of the meeting that members should not be asked to tax themselves with many Committee meetings but that the work would be done rather informally, in ways that seemed easiest.

A poster has been ordered for the leading banks and post offices throughout the country, and extra copies have been printed as it was suggested that members might aid by having them placed in summer shops, banks, post offices, railway stations, country clubs, tea rooms, or nearby gift shops.

Any help you can give in organizing a Summer Committee will be greatly appreciated, and if you find that you can place any posters advantageously, on application to 1 East 57th Street, giving your summer address, the number required will be mailed to you.

Sincerely yours,

Minnie Bryce

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EDISON, T.A. -
FAMILY -
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Mrs. E. Dix
Roosevelt M. Ass'n

June 26, 1919

Mrs. Charles A. Bryan, Secretary,
Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Association, Inc.
1 East 57th Street,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bryan:

Mrs. Edison has asked me to answer your circular letter of June 19 regarding Summer committees, and to say that the D.A.R. Chapter, of which Mrs. Edison is regent, is taking the matter up and perhaps can do something. Mrs. Edison would like fifteen posters as she thinks she may be able to reach some people in that way as members.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

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CC: Mrs. Edison

Dear Mrs. Bryan
Some posters
there
7/17/19

Willm. S. Knowles & Thorbjorn Bassoe
Architects
280 Madison Avenue New York

July 17, 1919.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
West Orange,
N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

The first approximate estimates I secured for the building of the cottage as you recall were $6,000 for frame with stucco on the outside and for terra cotta block walls with stucco on the outside $6,600.

On review I received the second approximate estimates asked for on the 15th this morning as follows: frame with stucco on the outside $6,430 and for terra cotta block walls with stucco on the outside $6,775, a difference of $345. for masonry outer walls.

The second estimates include a few items, which I have added, which were not in the first estimates. On the 14th, there was an advance in the price of lumber and woodworking materials, which in part accounts for the relative difference in cost between the first and second methods of building, i.e. in the first estimates there is $600. difference and in the second estimates there is only $345. difference.

Both at home and in my office today I tried to reach you by telephone, but failed in getting any service. The builder making up these approximate estimates appears to have done his

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July 25, 1919.

Miss Annie Bjorkander,
Brevbararforman,
Herr Franz Lundin,
Marishill,
Djurgarden, Sweden.

My dear Miss Bjorkander:

Mrs. Edison has handed me your letter dated April 14, 1918, and has asked me to write to inquire whether you would care at this time to come to America and what work you would be able to do, were you to come. Will you kindly write me, so that I may inform Mrs. Edison?

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

I think it will be nice and ~~may~~ that we may be very busy ~~be~~ will ~~very~~ have Eckert but to have her sign a duplicate of her contract whereby she returns it in good work. Mrs. Edison's conscientiously

Ediphoned
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Mrs. Edison —
Have you reply from her?
Or have not —
I suppose you do not care to write her further if she does not reply —
RWK 9/2/19

No reply received to date
by Mrs. Edison. Correspondence
P. S. not yet replied
again received and
reply is overdue
9/17/19

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Stockholm. Sjukhuset. Södermanna-
gatan 13. 1. Den 14 April 1916.

Write & ask relations
she would come to
come to America or Norway
and what would she
could do while there

Dear Mrs. Edison!

Hope that you
and your family are feeling
well. I do long to hear
from you, Mrs. Edison.
I was very glad to recive
the letter you send me
last year, and the same
month, it was in october,
I wrote the answer to you.
But I have not hade an
answer from you on that.
It may be, that the letter is
last, so I beg you write
once more. You know

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

my desire now. But, if you have not recived the letter I wrote to you last year, I will repeat my wishes. It is, that I wanted you to help me over to your country. If you please to send me a ticket, and let me work for you to pay it. Or if it is no work for me in your house, to recomend me to some of your lady-friend, and I hope to be able to suit her, and soon pay you. If you would be so kind, as to send me a little money, because all my clothes are worren out. (and I hope that God will give me health and I can pay it back.) As I wrote to you, it is nine year I have been in sick house, but it destroy me to live this kind of life. And it is of no use to try to begin to earn my living in Stockholm, it is hard time hear, harder than in any other city. Please help me. God will bless you if you do. You can write to my friends adress as before.

Brevbärarförman
Herr Franz Lundin.
Marieholl.
Djurgården.
Sweden.

Please excuse the writing, I suppose it is many faults in spelling, but hope that you can understand it.

Your servant
truly Annie Björkander.

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Night Letter	N L

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MRS THOMAS A EDISON T 562

BLACKSTONE HOTEL CHICAGO ILL

HOPE YOU DIDNT MELT ON TRAIN EVERYTHING FINE HERE LOVE

CHARLES AND CAROLYN.

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MRS THOS A EDISON T5961

HOTEL BLACKSTONE CHICAGO ILL

EVERYTHING RIGHT HERE HOPE YOU HAD PLEASANT JOURNEY SO FAR

THOS A EDISON.

Mr. Edison's letter.

WESTERN UNION

Form 2250

RECEIVER'S NO.	TIME FILED	CHECK

NIGHT LETTER

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

SEND the following Night Letter, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

TELEGRAM

SPOKANE, Wash.

Thos. A. Edison,

Orange, N. J.

Arrived here after comfortable trip.

Leave for Glacier Friday morning. Miss you. Love.

Mina.

Telegram July 31/19

Mrs Thos A Edison
Emerald Lake Chalet
~~Acc~~ Yoho Field British Columbia

Everything here all
right I leave August
third for trip,

Edison

Sent W.U. 7/31/19
10.05 am
WHM

POSTAL TELEGRAPH – COMMERCIAL CABLES

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT

TELEGRAM

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Banff Springs Hotel Alta Aug 16-19

Thos A Edison

Llewellyn Park WestOrange NJ

Is all well with you leaving Sunday morning for Safe camp any important telegram sent here will be forwarded love

Mina

8676
949
Cigal to 7257
Sent by W. U.
8/18/19

send from house

Mrs Thos A Edison
Care Banff Springs Hotel
Banff Alta Canada

Mr. Charles says telegram was sent, but why not send another one.?

This is fifth telegram sent you to Banff all is well here glad you are enjoying ct Edison

Stockholm Aug. 20. 1919.

Mr. Edison — What shall we say to her? REW 9/8/19

Dear Secretary:

Yesterday I recived your letter. I do like very much to go back to America, and would like to have the kind of service, that I had at Mrs. Thomas Edison, the year 1900 (ninetinehundred). Please send the answer adress: Fru Maria Heimer. Vegagatan 15. 1tr.

Stockholm. Sweden.

Fru Heimer is my sister,
I am in her house at piecent.

Respectfully yours
Annie Bjorkander.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH — COMMERCIAL CABLES

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

RECEIVED AT
34 Main St., Orange, N. J.
Phones 5311-5312

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Banff Alta Aug 24

Thos A Edison, LLewellyn Park Orange

Leaving Bears behind taking train four sunday canadian pacific for toronto

love.

Mina

34 Main St., Orange, N. J.
Phones 5311-5312

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OFFICE
WARREN, PA.

September 3, 1919.

Mr. Kellow.
It will be well to get this Secretary right as to this agreement.

Mrs. Mina Miller Edison,
Orange, N.J.

Dear Madam:

In reference to your letter of June 25th, in which you stated that you would soon be able to accommodate me by cashing the remaining notes that you gave me for the Chautuqua property. The Refinery Business has been very dull all summer and as I have several large bills to meet at once, I would very much appreciate your sending me the cash on the notes or a few of them anyway.

When I made the offer to your sister (Mrs. Miller) it was for a cash sale. I had made the price especially low for a CASH sale and I was very much suprised when I began corresponding with your Attorney (Mr. Delos Holden) to find that the payments were to be on time. At that time conditions were so that I could accept the notes, but just now I need the money badly and I trust that you will be able to settle the account in full.

Thanking you in advance for giving this matter your prompt attention, I remain,

Yours very truly,

E. N. Smith

My dear Mrs. Edison:

This letter turned up in an unexpected place, and I guess you will be glad to add it to your collection, even if it is from Friederich A. Krupp, - especially as it relates to some of your possessions.

Needless to say, it was long, long before the War.

Sincerely,

Wm Hallesownoff

Sept. 4, 1919.

Copy sent to Mrs. Edison.

September 11,1919

My dear Miss Bjorkander:

Your letter of August 20th has just been received. Mrs. Edison asked me to say to you that she will buy your ticket to America, you to repay the cost of same in work conscientiously and happily performed, at the rate of $30. per month to start and an increase of $10. per month if your work is found to be satisfactory.

If you wish to return to Mrs. Edison under these circumstances, please write me immediately and state when you will be ready to come, and the amount of money you will require. We shall be able to arrange for your passage from here.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Miss Annie Bjorkander,
c/o Fru Maria Heimer,
Vagagatan 15, 1tr.
Stockholm, Sweden.

T. C. MARTIN
29 WEST 39TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY
TELEPHONE 4600 BRYANT

Please answer

Dont do it. say you are in so many ways assure the that you positively cannot do anything of the kind

September 15, 1919.

Dear Mrs Edison:

I am glad to learn that you are home from your Western trip, and hope soon to have the pleasure of seeing you again. I am indeed anxious to have the honor of calling on you at an early date at Orange, as I wish to present a wellknown Englishwoman, who comes from my own native town, and who is now here on a mission that invites, I think, the active cooperation of those of us who would like to bind up and heal the wounds of France, - the means in this instance being a trained nursing force for the civilian population, on American lines. Strange to say, all that France has is the devoted but untrained service of the nuns, most of whom, however, have been expelled by the French Government.

What do

Miss Ellison and I have done some preliminary work already but we need a representative committee of women and men, especially as we are inviting the support of various groups and classes. One such group consists of those who, like Mr Edison and myself -- Miss Ellison being one of us in that respect -- have been decorated by the French Republic and are in a sense French citizens.

Will you let us come out at your early convenience, submit some documents, and get your advice and ideas? For in-

stance, can we make an appeal through the Chatauquas, with which your father's name and memory are so indissolubly connected?

To say that Miss Ellison, like all English people, wants to get a glimpse of my old Chief, goes without saying.

Ever yours faithfully,

T. Watts

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1919 TAE-
Family

Dear Aunt Mina

Attached is copy of a letter from mother which is self explanatory. I gave it to Charles and you see he suggested I send it to you. I'll drop up and see you about it in a day or two

Charlie Poyer

Sept 15 1919

File
Mrs. Edison
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September Nineteenth,
Nineteen Nineteen.

Dear Mr. Martin:

Mrs. Edison has handed me your letter of September 15th in which you state that you would like very much to have the pleasure of an early interview in which to submit some documents, and get her advice and ideas with reference to some after war work in France.

Mrs. Edison has asked me to tell you that she is connected with so many of the War and after war work Associations and Committees that she cannot possibly undertake any more along these lines at this time.

Sincerely

Mr. T.C. Martin,
29 West 39th Street
New York City

c. to Mrs. Edison

WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE
INC.

ONE MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

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Surround the Camps with Hospitality

November 26, 1919

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Llwellyn Park
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

From the very beginning of the work of the American Legion, War Camp CommunityService has worked in close cooperation. At the recent meeting in Minneapolis the American Legion voted to establish a committee of Community Service. Already in the cities near the camps where War Camp Community Service has a strong organization there is very close relationship which is making possible a very effective program.

From the American Legion there has now come a request, which I enclose, that we should assign a number of citizenship organizers to assist the Legion in carrying out a program for the development of good citizenship and securing a 100 per cent American ism.

If this request is granted it means that War Camp Community Service Inc. will, in each locality in which the proposed relation is entered into, be using part of its funds to assist the American Legion citizenship committee to do work throughout the entire community in which the American Legion post is established. A most effective way will thus be opened for enlisting the men who served in the World War in work for good citizenship in the communities to which they have returned.

Some of these communities will not be "communities in whose neighborhood portions of the naval and military forces of the United States are stationed."

The question involved is so important that I hope very much you can be present at the meeting and give us the benefit of your counsel. If for any reason it is not possible for you to be present, I hope you will write or wire me fully your own view on this matter.

Our acceptance of the invitation of the American Legion will not prevent our making the fullest provision for establishing the work in communities that are near the camps and training stations upon a permanent basis of local support and control, as funds much more than sufficient for that purpose are now assured.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Lee

President

I am D.A.R. with you are anxious to help in Americanizing. I believe anything that we can do to carry out your plans.

File
Mrs Ed. Dis
L.

December Eighth,
Nineteen Nineteen.

Dear Mr. Lee:

Answering your letter of November 26th in reference to Americanization work, Mrs. Edison has asked me to tell you that in connection with their D.A.R. work they are anxious to help in Americanization.

Is there anything that they can do to cooperate with your plans?

Faithfully yours,

Mr. Joseph Lee,
War Camp Community Service,
One Madison Avenue,
New York City

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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL.

Office of Secretary

December 9th, 1919

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

I have never before taken up with you the matter of fire insurance on the cottages at Chautauqua New York. I understand that those recently purchased by you were to be torn down to make room for a memorial park but to the best of my knowledge this has not yet been done. I understand that you own another cottage there but I have not a record of it and if fire insurance is required I suppose you have taken care of it yourself.

If you wish any insurance carried on any or all of this property can you give me an idea as to the value to which they should be insured ?

R W KELLOW
Secretary

Ask Mr. John F. Miller about the old cottage and write to Mr. Rowland, Chautauqua for the right insurance on the two new houses.
I think that they should be insured and in the full digit of their values,
J. F. Seminer,

G W Rowland
Supt
Chautauqua
Inst

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CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK
December 15, 1919.

Mr. R. A. Kellow,
Secretary to Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mr. Kellow:

In reply to your letter of December 11th, I should say that $3500 would be about the right amount of insurance to carry on the Edison property at Chautauqua.

Sincerely yours,

G W Rowland

Superintendent.

Purchase price of property, $3700-

Mr. Rowland, Sup't Chautauqua Institution, in letter 1/31/18, estimated cottages as they then stood, for boarding or rooming-house purposes, to be worth $3500 to $4,000 and estimated the value of the lots at $1600

Lots 51 & 52 North Terrace Avenue, Chautauqua, County of Chautauqua, New York

Say $3500 on Buildings & Contents

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1920

This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1920. There are numerous items, including correspondence with the American Radiator Co. and the New York Telephone Co., pertaining to the upkeep and repair of Glenmont, the Edison home in Llewellyn Park, New Jersey. Also included is correspondence with Anna Bjorkander, a former member of the Glenmont service staff who was seeking Mina Edison's assistance to return to America. A letter from physician Edwin A. Locke discusses Mina's efforts to lose weight. Letters by Arthur Bestor and George W. Rowland of the Chautauqua Institution relate to the purchase of additional property and the construction of permanent memorial in Miller Park. Also included are letters regarding a Lewis Miller lectureship in China sponsored by the YMCA and a telegram by William H. Meadowcroft announcing the death of Edison's favorite cousin, Nancy Elizabeth (Lizzie) Wadsworth.

MRS. EDISON

Stockholm,
January 2, 1920.

Dear Mrs. Thomas Edison,

Pardon me for writing to you, Mrs. Edison, instead of writing to your secretary. My reason is that I did not want anyone but yourself, Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, to know this letter contents.

As I have written you before that I have for many years been an inmate in an insane asylum and declared insane. It is now over ten years. I am not very strong in body, but I thank God that my Soul is strong and that my reason has never been darkened or imparred.

Certain persons of ill will, among them even doctors, have hypnotized me and they say that I have no will of my own but act, speak, and do as others' will-power dictate. I can not, of course, prove that doctors have committed such fearful crimes to me, because it is a crime to hypnotize a person against his or her will. It must be a cause for my suffering, otherwise God would not have permitted it, but perhaps God will have mercy on me and give me my strength for the rest of my time in this world.

A year ago last Summer the Hospital officials helped me to get a position. The buildings was in a thick forest and that gave me a change to breathe fresh air, but at that time, it was very hard to get food in Sweden (except the very rich) and my strength sank very rapidly until I could not hold the position more than three months and ten days.

I telephoned to the Chief of the Medical Staff, Doctor Olander, and begged him to help me to some rest home, but his answer was absolutely, "no". I was again compelled to go back to the asylum, and immediately I became a victim to the Spanish Influenza, which took away the little strength that I had still left. I hoped that I could die, but my time on earth was not yet up. Then I came to Langbron again and there I thought I would write to the young lady I was maid for at one time, and beg her to give me a reference that I may be able to seek a position, and it was given to me. But the young lady wanted a maid herself and offered me the position, which I accepted, but only for two months. She is so very nervous that it is utterly impossible for me to be with her on account of my own weakened nerve system.

The first time I had a position with her I had no salary paid me at all. Now only 45 (forty-five) with ten Kroner per month (about two dollars). I was helping with everything and paid my fare both ways out and in to Vaxholm, and very often I bought bread for myself and the patients (I

acted now as nurse).

Here all the clothes are so extremely expensive it is simply impossible for me to get a dress, coat, or a pair of shoes. A pair of shoes an old friend of mine have had repaired and presented to me, the value was eight Kroner and fifty ore (about $1.75).

I am permitted to go to my old friends Lundin and help them with housework and everything I do I am paid for, but I have nothing left for clothing. Permit me to ask you, Mrs. Edison, if you will be kind enough to send me little money in advance that will enable me to purchase the absolute necessities in the way of clothes.

It is impossible for me to try to get a position among strangers, due to the fact that I must explain where I have been the last years and then nobody want me in their employ, because they believe that I am insane. Therefore, the best thing for me to do will be to leave Sweden. I dread to think that perhaps they will send me again to Langbron asylum. If so, I wish that death will take me before.

I shall go to a doctor that I have confidence in and ask him to write me a doctor's certificate without pay. He is a Christian, and therefore will certainly have mercy with me. To get a certificate of any kind cost money, and I only have a few kroner which I would use for street carfares, but I suppose I must do as many tell me to do, "Walk if I have any errands to perform".

I will go to the Council Minister to Sweden and arrange matters, then I will write or he will to Mrs. Edison's Secretary, but I do not know if I shall write Miss or Mr. before W. Kellow. Are your Secretary a lady or a gentleman?

At present I am with my sister and brother-in-law. It is plenty of work here, but they can not afford to hire any one to do the work, and therefore I can not even be here for any length of time, but my mail is delivered here, and I am registered here. My sister wrote to Langbron asylum and vouched for me that I could leave this institution.

Forgive me for writing this long letter which will take up so much of your time.

From my heart I wish you, Mrs. Edison, and all your loving ones a happy New Year.

Very respectfully,

Annie Bjorkander

% O. Heimer,
Vegagatan No. 15
Stockholm, Sweden.

Vegagatan 15,
Stockholm,
January 2, 1920

Dear Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

With pleasure I will bind myself to be in your, Mrs. Edison's employ for one year, and I will do everything in my power that you will be satisfied with my work.

Respectfully,

Annie Bjorkander

Translater's Remarks.

Translation is correct after the original, as it is written, without any change in any sentences.

C O P Y

ROBERT COLLEGE, CONSTANTINOPLE,
President's Office.

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January 5th, 1920.

9150

Mr. Charles F. Rand,
Chapter of the Oranges, A. R. C.
71 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Rand:

On December 13th I left Constantinople on the U.S.Destroyer No.155, for a trip to Marsovan, to visit Anatolia College, which is located there, and the relief work that is being undertaken for the Near East Relief Committee. Marsovan is reached by a journey of seventy miles overland from Sansoun - a port on the Black Sea some 350 miles east of Constantinople.

When I boarded the Destroyer I supposed we were going directly to this port, but the Captain had other orders which took us first to Yalta in the Crimea, to Novorossick in Russia, to Batoum in the Caucasus, to Trebizond, and finally to Samsoun. We had travelled over a thousand miles, and had practically circumnavigated the Black Sea.

We encountered a storm on the night of the 13th which I thought would certainly bring my traveling days to a close. This Destroyer is the fastest boat in the American Navy, and can make forty-one knots an hour. She is too light for ~~xxxxx~~ comfort, however, in a rough sea. During the time when we were not completely submerged ~~the~~ was leaping from wave to wave like a flying fish.

After being delayed at Samsoun two days by a heavy rain it took us two days more to make the trip to Marsovan in wagons not unlike an American prairie schooner. We were soon passing through mountainous country over rough roads, where the rain turned to snow, and finally developed into an old-fashioned ~~xxxxx~~ blizzard.

At Marsovan I found relief work in full operation. Some four hundred Armenian and Greek children were in orphanages which were practically boarding schools; about forty Armenian women with their babies, rescuedfrom Turkish homes, were being comfortably housed and nursed back to a respectable womanhood; a well organized public store was selling necessary supplies at a reasonable price to all sorts of people, including many Turks; a daily meal was being prepared from a soup kitchen for over twelve hundred Turkish orphans housed in a large military barracks, which was practically a pest house. Some of the old clothing that your chapter helped to collect last April was being distributed, and a splendid hospital, of one hundred beds, probably the best equipped to be found anywhere in the interior of Turkey, manned by two American doctors, four American Red Cross nurses, and eight native nurses-in-training was doing a magnificent work.

As I was being conducted through the hospital I learned that some surgical dressings had been received from the Chapter of the Oranges of the

American Red Cross. Naturally I thought of you, and I felt it my duty to tell you how the influence of your chapter has penetrated way out here into the interior of Turkey.

I wish you could have seen those patients, men, women, and children - Armenians, Greeks, Turks, and Russians - all being administered unto alike by the supplied which your chapter helped toprovide. It was a moment of triumphant inspiration to me, and I must confess that I felt more at home when I learned that the spirit of some of the people with whom I have had such pleasant associations in Red Cross work had been there before me.

I remember how eager the workers in the Red Cross used to be about knowing just what became of their supplies. It so happens that I am able to account for these few things personally. The full story, of course, can never be told, but we may all be assured that the loving service of the American Red Cross was well-nigh universal in this war stricken world, and that blessings were uttered in many languages which - could they be but heard by those for whom they were intended - would fill the earth with so much joy that we would all be able to cope more sympathetically with its unprecedented misery.

Very sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) ALBERT W. STAUB

Write and thank Mr. Staub for sending me this letter.

EDWIN A. LOCKE, M.D.
311 BEACON STREET,
BOSTON, MASS.

~~2/24~~
~~2/20~~
~~3/10~~

January 6, 1920.

Bill on to Mr. Hoar

Please send my account as shown below as occupied that space since my letter of January 6th was sent out

Dear Mrs. Edison:

I have been watching the course of your weight and the diet slips with much interest. As you will see from the enclosed chart, which I think you may be interested to keep up, the weight has been going down gradually. With a purpose to lose only ten to fifteen pounds the present rate is quite rapid enough as you will see from its present course it will require only two or three months more to bring it down to approximately one hundred and sixty.

I am surprised, to be perfectly frank, that your weight has dropped as your diet is a rather unusually liberal one, both in variety and caloric value. I usually find it necessary to exclude all such articles of food as doughnuts, macaroni, breadstuffs in any form at luncheon or dinner, potato, cream soups, puddings and pastries of all kinds, chocolate, scalloped fish and croquettes, raisins, nuts, and pancakes with syrup. I do not mean that I consider it necessary for you to cut out all such foods from your diet. A better plan would be, it seems to me, for you to cut down on such foods perhaps one-third to one-half, in which case the weight would undoubtedly drop a little more rapidly.

You are furthermore taking a rather larger variety of foods at luncheon and dinner than is my custom to allow. Any regulations with reference to this variety, however, must be based on the desired rate of loss in weight. In other words, if you continue to lose as you have done during the past five weeks there is no reason why you should restrict the diet more, but in case you do not continue to lose, and I am rather of the opinion that you will not on the present diet, then I would advise cutting out some of the articles mentioned above as "forbidden fruits" and also cutting down on the variety of food at the last two meals. The breakfasts are entirely

EDWIN A. LOCKE, M.D.
311 BEACON STREET,
BOSTON, MASS.

satisfactory except that such fruits as oranges, grapefruit, malaga grapes etc. contain less sugar than do stewed prunes.

I am not surprised that you are having a little trouble with the bowels as on a restricted diet such difficulties are rather common. I would advise your taking a glass of water on rising with perhaps two tablespoonfuls of Pluto water increasing or diminishing the amount of Pluto as you find necessary.

I entirely approve of the exercises night and morning which you mention. I am also hoping that you will find it possible to do a reasonable amount of regular daily walking.

I am, with kind regards

Very sincerely yours,

Edwin A. Locke

Encl.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
West Orange, N. J.

I am returning to New York for just a few days at the end of January preparatory to starting back to China. I shall be in Orange again and trust that I may have a note from you saying I may call at an opportune time to answer any questions that a careful consideration of this would suggest.

I have had two wonderful days here lecturing for the entire faculty and student body of the University. The result is that they are providing an annual fund for a lectureship in this work in China under the name of "Purdue in China".

I am enclosing an additional sheet of suggestions.

Most cordially yours,

C H Robertson

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N.J.

Summer address.
Room 1007.
347 Madison Ave
New York city

CHR/FSF

Ask Mr. Edison about this
Thinks letter - Wm. Meadowcroft

La Fayette, Ind.,
January 22, 1920.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

I wish you could really realize how fine and far-reaching an impression the event in your home made upon the men who were there that I have seen since. For myself, it will stand out as one of the brightest spots in this short furlough in America.

Not only so, but it will be an event of immense interest in the next few years ahead, as I take up again that fascinating work that it has been given me to do in China and Russia.

I am counting on receiving from you at your convenience the names and addresses of the interesting friends who were at the meeting so that I may give occasional glimpses of the development of the work that they expressed such interest in.

I trust that you will give earnest and prayerful consideration to my suggestion that you and Mr. Edison make some investment and in memory of your father's vision in that so promising and fruitful situation in China.

What better form could this take than a memorial lectureship which might be called the Lewis Miller lectureship in China? This would make possible a nation-wide presentation in irresistably attractive form of one of the great topics that we discussed as indispensible to the higher life of China.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

POSSIBLE OBJECTIVES FOR CHINA LECTURE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

(A) To provide the balance of the laboratory headquarters at Shanghai, $40,000.00 to be added to the present $400000.00 already provided, for the total of $80,000.00 required.

(B) Provide for the budget of a section of the Lecture Department at $10,000.00 per year, two lecturers (one American and one Chinese) with their demonstrators, travel and overhead.

(C) Provide for one expert American lecturer at $5,000.00 per year, with maintenance, travel, etc.

(D) Provide for C.H.Robertson a Secretarial associate of investigational and promoting ability, at $3,000.00 per year.

(E) Provide one or more lecture demonstration outfits at an average cost of $1,000.00 each.

Mr + Mrs. Spencer Allen
41 Ridgewood Road
So. Orange

Mr + Mrs. Eugene Allen
#1 Fuller Terrace
Orange N.J.

Mr. + Mrs - Boden D. Whiting
Glenellyn Park.

Mr. + Mrs. A.B. Jenkins
Glenellyn Park

Mrs. John O Heald
" "

Dr. + Mrs. Price
Glenellyn Park

Mrs. F. M. Whittemore " "

Rev. + Mrs. J. M. Rigdon
12 Essex St - E. Orange N.J.

The Misses Pierson
18 - Hillyer St - Orange

THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL.

Office of Secretary

February 4th, 1920.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison,
and
Mr. Meadowcroft:

Attached papers regarding work of the Y.M.C.A. in China are referred to you at Mrs. Edison's request for your decision as to what ought to be done.

R. W. KELLOWS
Secretary

Can't do anything at present may be able to some time in the future. Please send the matters as opinions between —

PQ-D

February Ninth,
Nineteen Twenty

My dear Mr. Robertson:

Mrs. Edison has asked me to acknowledge your letter of January 22nd regarding your proposal of the Lectureship in China.

Mrs. Edison desires me to say that she cannot do anything regarding this at present.

The names for which you asked are as follows:

Mr. & Mrs York Allen, 41 Ridgewood Rd, So. Orange, N.J
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Allen, 1 Fuller Terrace, Orange, N.J
Mr. & Mrs Borden D Whiting, Llewellyn Park West Orange
Mrs. A.E. Jenkins, Llewellyn Park, Wesy Orange, N.J.
Mrs. John O. Heald, Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N.J.
Dr. & Mrs Pierce, Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N.J.
Mrs. F.W. Whittemore, Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N.J
Rev. & Mrs I. [illegible] Blighter, 12 Essex St., East Orange, N.J.
The Misses Pierson, 16 Hillyer Street, Orange, N.J.

Faithfully yours,

Mr. C.H. Robertson,
Room 1007,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City

C C to Mrs. Edison

THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL.

Office of Secretary

February 24th, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

You have not told us definitely whether or not to send for Miss Annie Bjorkander and we assume you do not wish us to do so. We think we ought to write to her promptly if you do not want her.

R.W. KELLOW

Secretary

These seems to be too much uncertainty about arrangements. I think you can say that when she has done all that is necessary for Immediate — Come to Orange for Christmas

I-Mr. that she will do whatever is necessary for us. Much obliged

Think we should let the case alone attended to for the same — Jr Amino

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February 26th, 1920.

My dear Miss Bjorkander:

Your letters have been received, but as Mrs. Edison has gone to her winter home in the South and will probably not be back until May, I am afraid nothing further can be done about your coming to America until after Mrs. Edison returnsto her home in Llewellyn Park.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Miss Annie Bjorkander
c/o Fru Maria Heimer,
Vagagatan 15, 1tr.,
Stockholm, Sweden.

THOMAS A. EDISON

ORANGE, N.J.

March 9th, 1920.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

Regarding the rope fire escape for the house, I have personally had this up with the manufacturers who have told me that they sell one hundred manila rope fire escapes to one rope and wire combined. In their opinion, the rope fire escape is perfectly satisfactory for use of persons, as the escape would not, of course, be used to lower a person through flames of sufficient heat to burn off the manila rope WHILE exposed to the heat for such a short time as would be required to lower a person to the ground. They, therefore, recommend the #1 rope fire escape at a cost of $6.00 each. They will, of course, if you wish it, make up the inter-lined wire rope at an extra cost, which they have not stated to us.

Do you wish me to purchase any of these escapes in your absence ? If so, how many will you require ?

I am wondering whether you found the new dock and the new cistern up to your expectations. I hope so. It is quite difficult to direct such operations at a distance of about fifteen hundred miles but from what I can judge from the correspondence and the plans and from what I know of Mrs. Tinstman's very thorough and intelligent supervision, I should say the improvements must be very nice.

Very truly yours,

R. W. Kellow

Secretary

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Seminole Lodge,
Fort Myers, Florida

Mr. Kellow
Refer all replies
one from manufr.
and for
first trial.

Mr. Edison will see Robinson about proposal

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Mind - Receive me promptly -
R. O. K. 3/18/20

3/22

March 18, 1920

Dear Mrs. Edison:

We received this morning your telegram saying:

"Will you get drawing room through and one lower for the fifteenth of April."

We are telegraphing for reservations and will do the best possible.

I suppose these reservations are for yourself, Mr. Edison and Henry, and that the two maids and Mr. Ott will not return until a week or so after you leave. Will Mr. Ott and the maids arrange for their own reservations from Fort Myers, or do you wish me to procure reservations for them. I think very likely they can do this with the Fort Myers agent but will be glad to do this if I can be of any service.

A representative of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad promised to call on you while at Fort Myers to arrange for the return transportation which I understand was done last year. Evidently he has not called as yet. He is located in Tampa and you may receive a visit from him within the next few days. We have addressed our wire regarding reservations to him.

Things are going nicely here in the North. The snow is disappearing fast under the warm sun we have had during the last few days, coupled with some heavy warm rains, and things will look quite different upon your return.

Faithfully yours,

Glenmont

March 19, 1920.

New York Telephone Company,
Baldwin Street,
Orange, N. J.

Gentlemen:

This will confirm telephone conversation with your office this afternoon in which we reported to you that the bell on the outside of gardener's house on Mrs. Edison's estate in Llewellyn Park is not as satisfactory as the temporary bell which you originally placed on this house. The bell is for the purpose of signalling the gardener when his telephone is called, and he is absent from the building about the gardens. The present bell does not ring loudly enough.

The gardener also tells me that a day or two ago he had trouble with the batteries, his bell ringing continually.

Within the next few days will you kindly send someone to the place to look the trouble over and endeavor to correct it? Also we should like to have a satisfactory bell placed on the house.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Ediphoned
HWK:24

C.C. to Mr. Mambert (2)

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FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM No. P. 11

DATE March 19, 1920.

EFFECTIVE

FROM— Secretarial Service Dept. of Thomas A. Edison, Personal

TO— Mr. A. C. Frost, Insurance Service Dept.

SUBJECT: Conditions at Mr. Edison's residence.

Answering your memorandum #704 of March 10, regarding Chief Allen's report of conditions at the house, I do not think the conditions mentioned are of any very great importance. Just as soon as the weather dries up a little more, say within the next 10 days or two weeks, I will have someone visit the house to see if the hose house door, which has probably been expanded by the weather, closes properly and also have the electric wiring looked over. I think this probably can be torn down by some of Mrs. Edison's employees, and thus save the expense of sending special workmen to the house to perform this work.

For your information, if you do not already know it, I have arranged through Mr. Nicolai for Chief Allen to make regular inspections at the house to see that fire extinguishers are kept filled, that fire hydrants are in shape, fire hose is in shape, and that everything in fact is in readiness for use in the case of fire. Mr. Nicolai also makes inspection of motors, etc. about once a month and these are kept in repair and in good order.

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R. W. Kellow
Secretary.

Ediphoned:24

COPIES TO— MR. STEPHEN B. MAHBERT—(2) Mr. Chas. Edison, Mr. Nicolai and Mr. J.J.Allen.

USE THIS FORM TO PUT IN WRITING MATTERS OF A CONTINUING NATURE, SUCH AS BETTER FINANCIAL PRACTICES—EMBRACING GENERAL POLICIES AND INTERFUNCTIONAL RELATIONS.

March 23,1920.

Mr. Charles F. Rand,
71 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Rand:

Before leaving for Florida, Mrs. Edison made a note on the copy of the letter from Mr. Albert W. Staub. In this note she asked me to write and thank you for sending her a copy of Mr. Staub's letter, which she found very interesting.

The letter in some way got mixed up with some other papers, and has only just come to my attention. Hence, the delay, which I trust you will kindly excuse.

Yours very truly,

Assistant to Mr. Edison.

A/9150.

April 2nd, 1920.

The New York Telephone Co.,
9 Baldwin Street,
Orange, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

The bell attached to the outside of the Gardeners' house on Mrs. Edison's estate in Llewellyn Park, West Orange is again out of order. Will you please have one of your men look into the situation and make the necessary repairs. This bell has never given us much satisfaction and there may be some trouble with the connection as it has been repaired several times only to go out of order again within a very short time after having been repaired.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Stockholm d. 3 April. 1920.

Dear Sectratary!

Your letter has recived, and would you now please tell Mrs. Thomas Edison, that I will be happy to go over to America, and to Mrs. Edison's house as soon as possible, than we do not have to renew the passage. If it is not against Mrs. Edison's will, it is better for me to have money and buy the thicket here, at the steamer office they say thats best. But if Mrs. Edison all ready sent thicket, I am sure it would be all right.
My adress is as usual. c/o. Fru Heimer. Vegagatan 15. 1tr.
Stockholm. Sweden. Respectfully yours Annie Björkander.

May 20th, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

We have asked Mr. Nicolai to send a man at once to investigate trouble you are having with water from garage overflowing into garden. We will report to you as soon as they have looked it over.

I understood you were sending me a memorandum regarding the wiring you require on the fountain and so did not make as careful note of what you wished as I would have done otherwise.

Do you simply wish the wiring re-connected or is there some special wiring you wish done which you will have to explain to the electrician and if the latter, will you please tell me when it will be convenient for you to see him?

R. W. KELLOW,

Secretary

Mrs. Edison on telephone 5/20/20

Water from garage, when cars are washed, runs into cesspool and overflows into garden. Gas and oil go with the water and trees and grass are being killed.

It was arranged sometime ago, Mrs. Edison thinks, to connect piping to sewer to dispose of this water.

Mrs. Edison wants some one to come to house to do wiring of fountain.

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May 24th, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

Mr. Nicolai has looked over the Cesspool condition at the garage and has made a rough sketch of the location, etc and is presenting it today to the town authorities to ascertain if you will be permitted to have connections made to the town sewer. We shall probably know about this tomorrow or the next day and will immediately proceed to put this into the shape you require.

An electrician will be at the house today or tomorrow sure to care for the wiring on the fountain.

Your check for Mrs. W. E. Quimby for $25.00 on account of a contribution for Miss Brandon is enclosed herewith with stamped, addressed envelope.

R. W. KELLOW,
Secretary

Enclosure

GEORGE E. VINCENT
HONORARY PRESIDENT

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PRESIDENT

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DEPARTMENT OF GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS
GEORGE W. ROWLAND, Superintendent

CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK
May 26, 1920.

Return again on Thursday

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

Mr. Bestor has written me that he has informed you the matter of the purchase of Miss Dunn's property is up again.

As I understand it, you agreed with the Institution to take the three lots Nos. 5 and 7 Asbury Avenue and 8 North Terrace for which you were to pay $2500 at the rate of $50 per month until the full amount had been paid. Now, Miss Dunn has finally agreed with the Institution upon such terms that we can make the same arrangement with you, if you are willing to do so.

I am writing you because Mr. Bestor is away on a two weeks vacation and Miss Dunn must have a decision immediately. Knowing that you must be greatly interested in the purchase of this property, as it will more than double the value of your present holdings, I am sure you are willing to stand by your agreement of January 1919, as outlined above, but in order that there may be no misunderstanding, I would ask that you wire me immediately to that effect.

C. A. Chautauqua
Miss Kennedy

Am enclosing herewith map indicating the lots that you are buying.

Sincerely yours,

G. W. Rowland
Superintendent.

Send telegram to Mr. Rowland asking

Lots numbers seem to have been changed
telegraph me all
lots I made over under
arrangements
now being considered

Let me see the data on
Monday morning

CHAUTAUQUA

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Write Mr. Bestor and say that I would like to talk over this idea of a permanent memorial with him when I am at home. Ask if there will be rooms at the Hotel for some of us and some secretary rooms. Some of us are hoping to be at Chautauqua for the memorial exercises as well.

July 8, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
Orange, New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I am more delighted than I can possibly tell you at the completion of the arrangement with Miss Dunn. This is partly due to our feeling of relief at having that situation finally cleared up, but much more due to the fact that this opens the way for the whole development of Miller Park, in accordance with your plans. On behalf of the Executive Board, I want to express most cordial appreciation of the Institution for your purchase of this property.

I am very glad to be able to tell you that some of the Twilight Concerts by the New York Symphony Orchestra will be held in Miller Park. Both the conductor and manager of the Orchestra are most cordial and it is quite probable that we shall have some of the evening concerts at other places than the Hotel.

The Class of 1920 would like to place a permanent memorial on the grounds commemorating the founding of Chautauqua. The President of the Class came to me the other day and proposed a big boulder in Miller Park with a brass plate upon it rehearsing that this was the spot where the first assemblage was inaugurated by your father and the Bishop. I told him something of the plans for the beautification of the park and especially the making of the open air meeting place with the old stump as the rostrum. I further told him that we should not want to start any plans in connection with this improvement until they had your hearty approval. Instead of a boulder it would seem to me much more fitting to actually make that stump the memorial, upon which a brass plate might very well be placed. I should appreciate your frank judgment on this problem.

I sincerely hope that the plans you outline for the gathering of the Miller family at Chautauqua in connection with Old First Night can be carried thru. Please let me know if there are any other members of the family to whom we can have the pleasure of sending season passes.

With very best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Arthur E. Bestor

AEB-I

representatives of Posten's class are anxious to meet President Bestor in the near future.

THOMAS A. EDISON, INC.

ORANGE, N.J.

July 15, 1920.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

We will be honored by your attendance at the part of our program for the Ediphone Convention, where a silk American Flag will be presented to Mr. Edison in the Library, at 11 A.M. on August 12 (Thursday).

We hope you will attend our luncheon afterward at the Country Club, with Mr. Edison. A speaker of national importance will talk, and I feel sure both Mr. Edison and you will enjoy being with us.

Mrs. Charles Edison has also been invited.

May I hear from you with your acceptance?

Cordially,

Wm. C. Durand

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

Thank Mr. Durand and say that it will give me pleasure to accept his kind invitation -

Ediphoned:24

GEORGE E. VINCENT
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK

July 21, 1920

Will write to Mrs. Frank Seiberling again

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

You will be very glad to know that Bishop Welch and Doctor John Finley have accepted invitations to deliver addresses in connection with the memorial services to Bishop Vincent on August 1. There will be two services - one at the Hall of Philosophy in the afternoon at which Doctor Hurlbut will speak and a special music service with excerpts from Parsifal by the New York Symphony Orchestra, and the two addresses in the evening.

As the time approaches for Old First Night it becomes increasingly evident that it is not going to be possible for us to put the campaign thru successfully unless we have some large gifts, and indeed I question whether it can be completely successful without the subscription of Mr. Ford. Would it be possible for you to go to Detroit just before you come to Chautauqua? I have always had high hopes that in a personal interview with him you could secure a substantial gift in memory of your father. I do not believe that it will come in any other way. I suggest this possibility because such a gift from him would absolutely assure success, and coming just this season would be the very greatest stimulus to the whole advanced movement of Chautauqua that could possibly be conceived of.

You could leave New York on the New York Central at 5 P.M. and be in Detroit the next morning at 7:10. You could leave Detroit at 10 P.M. in a sleeper, arriving in Cleveland early the next morning and reach Westfield at 11:20, or you could leave at 12:01 noon, via Cleveland, and arrive in Westfield at 8:42, or you could come to Chautauqua via the Michigan Central and Buffalo. I give you these connections so that you could see just what the possibilities are and save yourself the trouble of looking them up.

I know you will be delighted to know that thus far the season is the most successful in our history. Our Schools are over 30% above last year. The New York Symphony Concerts are, of course, a great success.

With very best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Arthur E Bestor

Mr. Ford is on a vacation and it would do no good to go to Detroit now.

July 24th, 1920.

Dear Mr. Bestor:

Mrs. Edison has handed me your letter of July 21st and asked me to tell you that she will write to Mrs. Frank Seiberling again.

Referring to your request that Mrs. Edison make a special trip to Detroit to see Mr. Ford, Mrs. Edison tells me Mr. Ford is on a vacation and it would do no good to go to Detroit. She is very sorry indeed that she cannot do this for you.

Faithfully yours,

Mr. Arthur E. Bestor,
Chautauqua, New York

10/15

THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

September 20, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

Mr. Rowland of Chautauqua is to write you when through with your cottage there for the summer. You had planned having it torn down. Do you wish me to follow up the matter for you? Have you made up your mind regarding tearing it down ? We are carrying insurance on the building which we will have removed and adjusted if torn down.

R. W. KELLOWS
Secretary

I want to go out there in October and want nothing done until I do go out.

THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

September 23rd, 1920

Mr. Thomas A. Edison:

You may be interested in the guarantee of the American Radiator Company in connection with the two boilers just purchased for your home. It is as follows:

"Regarding the proposition to install one #3-A-5 and one #3-A-6 Ideal Type "A" Steam Boilers in your residence, Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N.J., we hereby guarantee that the consumption of fuel in those boilers for the next heating season of seven months will not exceed 60 tons of coal conditionally that a normal chimney draft is provided.

"That "Egg" size coal having a B.T.U. content not less than 12,000 B.T.U. per pound is used.

"Also that ordinary care is observed by the delegated fireman in firing the boiler and removing ash and klinker.

"If the above mentioned amount of 60 tons of coal for the heating season is exceeded, we agree to remove the boilers at our own expense and to refund to you the amount paid us for them.

Yours very truly,

AMERICAN RADIATOR COMPANY
N Whitelaw, Specialist"

We have asked their assurance that this efficiency in consumption of fuel will continue for future years as well as for the next heating season.

Their salesman tells me 12,000 B.T.U. per pound in Egg coal coal is the minimum we ought to get. Our Mr. Riker confirms this and says the regular coal from dealers should run a good deal higher in B.T.U. The guarantee, therefore, seems quite satisfactory.

Does long do they guarantee against mechanical defects
Yellows in castings +
Shrinkage Cracks
The boiler may crack in 3 days after use

They say they are behind this good for practically unlimited time so far as quality is concerned — manufacturing defects etc. Kellow 9/30/20

We estimated the consumption of the old boiler at 80 tons and the American Radiator Company representatives agreed to this for the purpose of guarantee as the actual consumption. Their guarantee is made accordingly.

R. W. KELLOW
Secretary

Telegram

Oct 7. 1920

Mr. Thomas A. Edison
Chautauqua Assembly
Chautauqua, N.Y.

Mr. Edison wishes me to say that Mr. Wadsworth at Milan died this morning. Funeral Sunday.

Sent W.U. 10/7/20
3.25 pm 10 HM

W. H. Meadowcroft

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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

Kellow -
I am so overworked & short of time, that I would like you to decide what in your opinion is the best thing to do

October 7th, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

I just want to confirm what I told you several days ago regarding the flues in your house so that you will understand the matter.

From an examination made by Mr. Bower, architect, and Mr. Dobbs, representative of the American Radiator Company, apparently none of the present flues which are being used for fire places and for the Conservatory Hot Water Heater are lined, and in the light of present-day practice, are therefore considered unsafe. I questioned Mr. Bower carefully regarding the conditions and he stated that he did not care to say that they were positively dangerous, though he did consider them unsafe.

We had thought best, with your approval, to move the Conservatory Hot Water Heater from its present location into the large room where the new furnaces are to be located and to connect it to a direct flue there, perhaps lining the flue from the top if you wished this done. This flue is straight up and down, whereas the other flues have off-sets in them and it would be impossible to line them. Even without the lining, the flue would seem to be safer than the other flues. However, at your direction, we have abandoned this idea and the Hot Water Heater is being left in its present location.

Another reason for this memorandum is that I want you to know that the situation has been very thoroughly looked over in connection with the new furnaces and you have been kept thoroughly informed of the conditions.

R. W. KELLOW,
Secretary

Architect Bower on phone promised to see me and look over conditions of flues next week — Kellow (Tuesday, 10/19/20)

C. C. To: Mr. Thomas A. Edison
Mr. Charles Edison.

THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

October 20th, 1920

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

No doubt you arranged for disposition of your Chautauqua cottages while you were at Chautauqua. I know you planned some time ago to have them torn down. I am just writing this memorandum as a little reminder to you so that if there is anything further we can do to help you, you will let us know.

R. W. KELLOW,
Secretary

They are attending to that with them!

Mrs Jackson —
If torn down, insurance should be cancelled — may lower taxes also —
RWK 10/21/20

yes they are to be torn down this fall — you might write Mr. Arthur Baldwin Chaut. N.Y. about the points you make —

5/14/21 ~~2/15/21~~ ~~6/1/21~~ ~~6/22/21~~ ~~7/5/21~~ 9/6/21

THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

October 23, 1920.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison:-

Mr. Mambert wrote me on the 15th that you had stated that you wished the furnace in the garage in the Park enclosed so as to be shut off from the rest of the garage, with entrance from the outside, out Fire Chief Allen being of the opinion that gasoline vapor might enter the furnace pit when the furnace is in operation and cause an explosion. I answered (with copy to you) that I had already talked this situation over with Mrs. Edison and Chief Allen and concluded that there is but little danger; that while I was not prepared to say that it is impossible for a fire to occur under the present arrangement I thought the likelihood exceedingly remote. The garage has been in use since, I think, about 1913 and no fires have occurred that I have heard of, but this, I realize, is no assurance that none may occur.

While I had an architect at the house yesterday in connection with the new chimney, I asked his opinion regarding this. He told me that the present arrangement is an absolute violation of the building code and that if it were known of by the authorities you would probably be instructed to change it. It looks, therefore, as if the evidence is somewhat against my judgment of the situation.

Attached is a rough sketch of the garage floor space and furnace pit, showing the usual locations of the cars, opening to furnace pit and other openings, location of underground gasoline tank, etc. If the present arrangement is to be corrected, it would seem best to seal up thoroughly with cement the entrance to the furnace pit through garage floor and the holes for the dumping of coal and the removal of ashes, see that there is no opening from the turntable pit into the furnace pit, cut an entrance through the garage wall on the front of garage and make an areaway with steps on the outside. I think a hole should also be cut through the front wall of garage to chute coal into the coal bin, unless we can make the doorway serve this purpose.

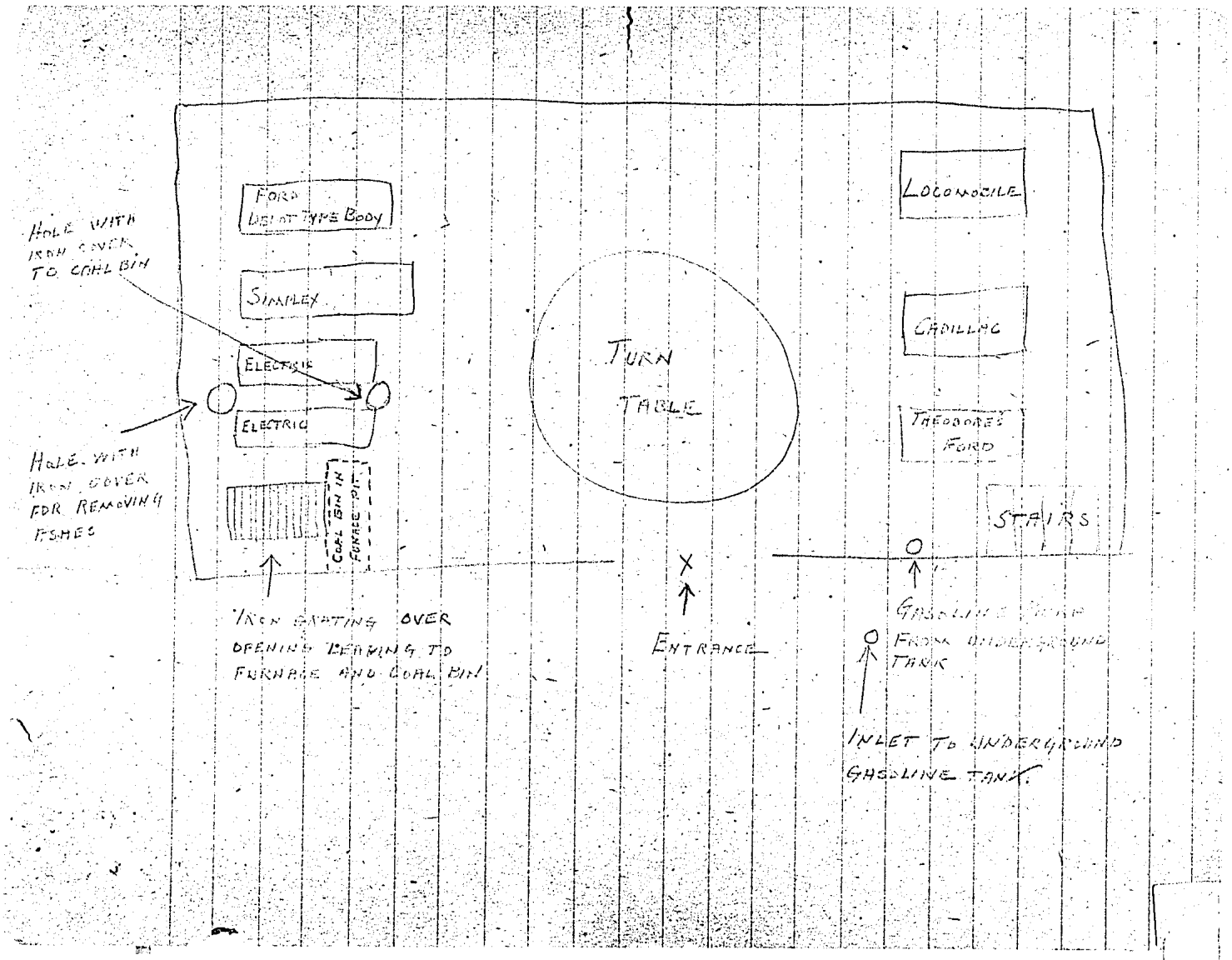
It we may reasonably expect trouble from the present arrangement, it would no doubt be advisable to make these changes, as considerable property damage might result from a heavy explosion, with possible loss of life.

What ~~is~~ your opinion, please?

I guess we shall have to
Kellow
Enter furnace from the outside
we can pick the coal at old removal
stable only want a low door
better have it done
E
(over)

9/6/21 This is being handled by Mrs. Edison. Thru Bonner, architect of E. Orange, along with changes in 2nd floor —

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]



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October 25, 1920.

Mr. Arthur E. Bestor,
Chautauqua, New York.

My dear Mr. Bestor:

Mrs. Edison has informed me that she has arranged with you for the razing of her cottages at Chautauqua, which I presume are the ones located on lots Nos. 51 and 52, known as the Wesley Cottages.

We are carrying fire insurance upon these cottages, and I would very much appreciate it if you will kindly advise me for Mrs. Edison at what time it will be proper to remove this insurance.

I suppose the Chautauqua tax assessment will be somewhat reduced on account of the disposition of these cottages. Perhaps you will attend to this item for Mrs. Edison, or be kind enough to advise me with whom to take the matter up.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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C.C. to Mrs. Edison.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Chautauqua, New York
October 28, 1920

Mr. R. W. Kellow, Secretary
Mr. Thomas A. Edison
Orange, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Kellow:

Your letter of the 25th instant I am referring to Mr. Rowland, who is in charge of razing the cottages at Chautauqua, and just as soon as he begins the work of tearing them down will notify you so that the insurance can be cancelled. Mr. Rowland also handles all matters of taxation and will take up the matter with the proper authorities with a view of the reduction of the taxes on Mrs. Edison's property.

Very truly yours,

Arthur E. Bestor

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Oct 29, 1920.

Mr. Kellow,

Laboratory.

Re. your Interfunctional Purchase Order #7201.

The two old cesspools on south side of former barn site are out of commission and may be filled up.

The catch basin on the north side which formerly received the barn sewerage also receives the drain from the pig pen. This drain will have to be put directly into the sewer on private road extension of Honeysuckle Ave., if this catch basin is to be eliminated.

We also find that the roof leaders from the Garage empty into the Garage Cesspool lower down in the field, this puts an excess of water into this cesspool when it rains and causes it to overflow.

I would recommend diverting this storm water from the Garage cesspool to the block gutter on Glen Ave. by means of a tile pipe thro the truck garden.

No storm water, whatsoever, should be put either into a sanitary sewer or a cesspool.

Construction & Maintenance Service Division

Nicolai

Division Manager.

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CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK
November 15, 1920.

Paper to Rich

Mr. R. W. Kollow,
Secretary to Thos. A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mr. Kollow:

We are ready to take down the Edison cottages at Chautauqua, and I would advise that you have your insurance cancelled immediately.

Sincerely yours,

G. W. Rowland
Superintendent.

THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

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File
Mrs. Edison
Garage

November 15th, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:-

There are two old cesspools near the site of the old barn, on the right hand side as you look toward the barn site from the house, which are now out of commission apparently, and may be filled up. I suppose these received the waste water from the barn. There are man-holes on them, through which ashes could be dumped, if you wish them filled up in this way. I have had Nicolai's man look them over and he reports them out of commission. No doubt you will know what they were used for and whether the above assumption is correct. There is a catch basin on the other side of the barn site which receives the sewage from the barn. This catch basin, I presume, should be allowed to remain where it is. Perhaps the top of it might be lowered a little bit so as to bring it on the level or a little below the ground.

Nicolai's man also reports that the roof leader of the garage empties into the garage cesspool lower down in the field, which puts an excess amount of water into the cesspool when it rains, and causes it to overflow. You will recall that we have been talking about making a catch basin for the waste water which runs from the garage, when cars are washed, into this cesspool. If the roof water can be run elsewhere a catch basin would probably be unnecessary. Nicolai suggests piping this water by tile pipe, through the truck garden to the gutter on Glen Avenue. This would mean some digging and if you decide to have it done, perhaps you would rather wait until Spring to do it.

Thought garage was to be connected with main sewer

Cesspools are out of commission

Would like to see you about this.

R. W. KELLOW,
Secretary

THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

November 15th, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

For your information, I am sending you list of all the materials that were removed from the old barn, showing the disposition that was made of it, i.e. where it is at present. Some of this equipment belonged to Mr. Edison and has been removed to the Laboratory and ~~else~~-where, the balance of it is scored as shown. This list also shows items to be sold. I have written you giving you the prices we have secured on several items and are awaiting your approval.

The refrigerator has been listed as sold but as you know, we are endeavoring to get this back again for you through Van Kuren.

R. W. KELLOW,

Secretary

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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

DISPOSITION OF CONTENTS OF OLD BARN

RAZED IN OCTOBER 1920

NAME	LOCATED	DISPOSITION
2 Boxes Experimental Machinery	Carriage House	Silver Lake Salvage Storage
1 " " "	" "	Laboratory Cellar
3 Pieces " "	" "	" "
1 Motor " "	" "	Silver Lake Salvage Storage
1 Handle for " "	" "	Laboratory Cellar
1 Baby's High Chair	" "	Mr. Walter
1 Single Beadstead, Spring & Mattress	" "	" "
1 Baby Crib	" "	" "
7 Wooden Horses	" "	" "
1 Shovel	" "	" "
2 Hose Reels (1 broken)	" "	" "
1/2 Barrel Lime	" "	" "
14 Bags Lime	" "	" "
1 Bbl 1 Bag containing Nitrate of Soda	" "	" "
1/2 bag Tobacco Dust	" "	" "
1 Potato Cutter	" "	" "
3 Rolls Chicken Wire	" "	" "
Bean Poles	" "	" "
1 Electric Rheostate	Second Stall	Laboratory Cellar
2 Bbls. Electric Bulbs (odd size & shapes)	" "	Second floor garage
1 Roll Electric Wire	" "	Laboratory scrapped
1 Empty Barrel	" "	Mr. Walter
piece Chicken Wire	" "	" "
1 Piece Experimental Machinery	Fifth Stall	Laboratory Cellar
8 Large Bbls. Electric Bulbs) Odd	" "	2nd floor Garage
2 Small " ") Shapes	" "	" " "
1 Large Box " ") and	" "	" " "
4 Small Boxes " ") Sizes	" "	" " "
3 wooden Horses	" "	Mr. Walter
1 Plumbers Fire Box	" "	" "
10 Ft. Rubber Hose	" "	" "
1 Bundle Iron Rods	" "	" "
4 Small Boxes Electric Bulbs	Sixth Stall	2nd Floor Garage
2 Bbls " "	" "	" " "
2 Large Wooden Horses	" "	Mr. Walter
1 Snow Plow	" "	" "
4 Mahogany Boards 1' X 3'	Box Stall	To be used by Pattern Shop
1 Doll House	" "	Den Garage
1 Wooden Cabinet	" "	Mr. Walter
4 Small Screens	" "	" "
2 Screens 4X 2½	" "	" "
1 Screen 4 X 6	" "	" "
3 Boards with electric sockets	" "	" " for lumber
1 Galv. Iron Tray 4 X 6 X 5	" "	" "

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

NAME	LOCATED	DISPOSITION
1 Old Type Phonograph	Loft	Laboratory Cellar
1 Large Awning (all torn)	"	Scrapped
1 Large Oval Table (Evidently used for) (electric trains)	"	Mr. Walter, lumber
1 Box train tracks	"	Garage Den
1 Tunnel	"	" "
2 Boxes Paper Flowers	"	Scrapped
Miscellaneous Screens	"	Mr. Walter
2 Artificial legs	"	Scrapped
1 Wooden Gun	"	"
1 Shovel	"	Mr. Walter
1 Toilet Seat	"	" "
4 Wooden Horses	"	" "
Scrap Tin	"	" "
1 Sleigh	Wash House	Back of Cow Shed
1 Electric Runabout	" "	Under trees outside old Barn
1 Jack	" "	Mr. Simpson Garage
1 Small bag Nails	" "	Mr. Walter
1 Small Pane Glass	" "	" "
1 Harrow	" "	Back of Cow Shed
1 Spade	" "	Mr. Walter
2 Bundles Iron Rods	" "	" "
Bean Poles	" "	" "
6 Wooden frames used for decorations	Outside Stalls	Mr. Walter for Lumber
1 Piece Lumber 2 X 6 X 24	" "	" "
1 Large frame with electric fixtures	" "	Scrapped
1 Box containing frame with electric fixtures	" "	Garage Den
1 Lawn Roller	" "	Mr. Walter
2 Boys Sleds	First Stalls	Garage Den
Miscellaneous Lumber	" "	Mr. Walter
6 Wooden Horses	" "	" "
1 Roasting Pan	Fourth Stall	Scrapped
2 Empty Barrels	" "	Mr. Walter
5 Bags Sawdust	" "	" "
1 Snow Shovel	" "	" "
4 Wooden Horses	" "	" "
1 Roll Barb Wire	" "	" "
1 Roll Chicken Wire	" "	" "
1 Box Lime	" "	" "
1 Weber Piano	Office	Garage
1 Bob Sled	Coal Shed	Garage Den
1 Box Firewood and Coal	" "	Mr. Walter
1 Accurate Fire Extinguisher	Kitchen	Garage

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

NAME	LOCATED	DISPOSITION
2 Wooden Doors	Closet in Loft	Mr. Walter
1 Grub	" " "	" "
Fire Wood	Third Stall	" "

TO BE SOLD

1 Carriage	Wash House
1 Large White Mahogany Table	Carriage House
1 Large piece Black & Gold trimming	" "
1 Large Awning	Outside Stall
Miscellaneous Awnings and Irons	Second Stalls
1 Single Horse Shaft) for sleigh	
1 Double Horse Shaft)	Fourth Stall
3 cushions for carriage	Box Stall
1 Table	Kitchen
1 Single Bed and Mattress	Bed Room
1 Wooden clothes closet	" "
1 Coal Stove	" "
1 Oil Cooking Stove	Loft
1 Horse Lawn Mower	

SOLD

1 Refrigerator	Wash House
1 Pot Stove	Carriage "

Mina M. Edison

November 19, 1920

R. W. Kellow, Secretary

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Mr. L. H. Boarman, Manager,
Insurance Service Dept.

Fire Insurance - Chautauqua

Confirming telephone conversation of today please cancel the fire insurance on Mrs. Edison's two cottages at Chautauqua located on lots 51 and 52. These cottages are being torn down.

Cancel

R. W. Kellow
Secretary.

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November 19, 1920

Mr. G. W. Rowland, Superintendent,
Chautauqua Institution,
Chautauqua, New York.

Dear Mr. Rowland:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 15th. We have arranged to cancel the insurance on the two cottages which are being torn down located on lots 51 and 52.

Mrs. Edison, I believe, told you how to dispose of the contents of these.

Will you be kind enough to notify me when the razing has been completed, and also will you see to a reduction of the tax if possible on account of destruction of these cottages.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

cc Mrs. Edison

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Hotel Earle 103 Waverly Place.
New York. Dec. 12th 1920.

Mrs Thomas A. Edison.
Edgmont Llewellyn Park
Orange N. J.

Thinks best /

My dear Mrs Edison.

I am enclosing herewith two letters which I have just sent to all the "Edison Pioneers" so that they will know without delay of the plan decided upon to consolidate the Reception of Jan 1st 1921 with the Annual meeting & Dinner of the Edison Pioneers to be held on Feb. 11th 1921 & also to let them know that the Official Certificate of Membership and the Insignia of the Edison Pioneers are about ready for distribution, I trusting that these letters will meet with your approval & awaiting word from you regarding the arranging of Mr Edison's many Honors & Trophies, I remain

Very truly yours.

W. J. Hammer

EDISON
PIONEERS

December 14, 1920.

Dear Mr. Hammer:

Referring to your letter of December 12th. relative to the combining the Reception of January 1st, 1921 with the Annual Meeting and Dinner of The Edison Pioneers to be held on February 11th, 1921, Mrs. Edison has asked me to tell you that she thinks it best to have the dinner down at the Laboratory or somewhere else then come up to Mr. Edison's residence in Llewellyn Park for the afternoon Reception.

Faithfully yours,

for Mrs Edison

Mr. William J. Hammer,
Hotel Earle,
103 Waverly Place,
New York City.

THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

December 21, 1920

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

Attached is original letter from American Radiator Company, Newark, N. J., dated December 17, regarding wrong methods of firing the new furnaces at your home.

Since the American Radiator Company guarantee the fuel consumption for this season I think you will agree with me that we should adhere strictly to their instructions. There is no doubt but that they have prescribed the most economical method of firing inasmuch as it is in their own interest to do so since they have made this guarantee, and, of course, it is in your interest through the fact that you save coal.

Will you be good enough to instruct Walter accordingly or are you so busy that you would like to have me instruct him in your behalf.

R. W. Kellow
Secretary

Charlie Adams is doing it all right now.

THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

December 30th, 1920.

Mr. J. W. Robinson, Secretary,
Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated.

For some months past, Mrs. Edison has been given considerable trouble by persons calling her residence telephone when they wished to converse with someone here at the Edison Industries.

The matter was taken up with Mr. Bell, of the New York Telephone Company, and upon investigation, it was found that the last Suburban Directory had arranged the names of the various Industries and that of Mr. Thomas A. Edison's residence in such a manner as to be very confusing.

The only way of remedying the matter, until a new edition was printed, was to have a challenge placed upon the residence number - Orange 257. This has been done and although it has saved Mrs. Edison considerable trouble, has been very annoying to her friends, who, upon calling the residence number would be challenged by the local operator before being able to talk with Mrs. Edison.

The new Suburban Edition is about to be printed and Mr. Bell has sent Mrs. Edison pages from both the May 1919 issue and the 1920 Suburban issue, and has asked Mrs. Edison if she had any suggestions to make as to the arrangement of the names for this new edition.

Attached is copy of list which we are about to send out to Mr. Bell. Mr. Theodore Edison sent this list to you and Miss Decker has approved it. If you do not approve of this arrangement or have another suggestion to make, will you kindly let us hear from you, or if this meets with your approval, kindly approve on the attached copy of this memorandum and return to us, upon receipt of which we will send the list to Mr. Bell.

R. W. KELLOW,
Secretary

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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

(Dec. 30, 1920)

Edison, Thos. A. r. Llewellyn Park, W.O. Orange 257

*EDISON, THOS. A., INDUSTRIES, Lakeside Ave. W.O.

*Edison, Thos. A. Inc Orange 6800

*Edison, T. A. Laboratory Orange, 6800

*Edison Phonograph Works Orange 6800

*Edison Storage Battery Co. Orange 6800

*EDISON, THOS A. INDUSTRIES, Belmont Ave. Slvr Lk.

*Edison Chemical Works Branch Brook 3700

*Edison Primary Battery Co. Branch Brook 3700

Mr Kellow

Sent Jan. 3, 1921, to Mr. Beck.

O.K.

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1921

This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1921, along with undated items that were probably generated in 1921. Included is correspondence with the Marie Curie Radium Fund regarding Madame Curie's visit to the United States and a White House ceremony with President Harding. There are numerous items, including correspondence with the American Radiator Co., pertaining to the upkeep and repair of Glenmont, the Edison home in Llewellyn Park, New Jersey. A letter by Edison's secretary, Richard W. Kellow, discusses the use of poison to exterminate rats infesting the citrus grove at Edison's property in Fort Myers, Florida. A series of communications, including one by Thomas Edison, relates to the discharge of Edward McMullen, an employee in the Plating Dept. of Thomas A. Edison, Inc. A letter by Caroline F. Ballentine of Port Huron, Michigan, recommends social worker and women's rights activist Bina M. West for a position on President Harding's disarmament advisory committee. Other correspondents include Emily Hammond of the Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Association and longtime Edison associate Frank A. Wardlaw.

THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

February 12th, 1921.

Mrs. Edison :

Attached letter of February 7th from Mr. Tinstman regarding cutting down expenses at Fort Myers by discharging Nathan.

I have no doubt that the Estate is in pretty good shape and if Mr. Tinstman can save money in this way I suppose there is no objection to his doing so.

R. W. KELLOW,
Secretary

I should like to inquire if it would not be more profitable to keep Nathan and let the Securities go. I simply ask for information. I certainly do not think his men should be employed

St. Louis, Mo.,

February 18, 1921.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
W. Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Edison: Return with my Edison send photo A young fellow, an experimenter, wants to have a signed photo. Mrs. Edison

For a long time I have been trying to obtain a photograph of Mr. Edison.

Have tried thru regular channels, that is local representatives of the Phonograph Company.

Not meeting with any success I take the liberty to write direct to Mr. Edisons' home.

May I ask you to kindly send me a photograph of Mr. Edison, with his autograph, that I may hang same in my work shop.

Some how or other his pictures always give me encouragement. I have a book with newspaper clippings and photographs of Mr. Edison and when ever I feel down hearted, get out this book read over

a few articles and feel ambitious again.

I realize Mr. Edison has made many enemies by his frank statement on his religious veiw, but a man who has been so close to science all his life, and has spent so many hours by himself in his laboratory, has had lots of time to think over these things, and like Roosevelt expressed his veiws without fear.

For over two years I have been experimenting with a primary battery and so far have not made any advance over those now in use, therefore, at times a fellow feels discouraged, and then is when I would like to have a photo of Mr. Edison to give me encouragement.

May you take this letter as being the truth and sincere, and that I hope I will not put you to any trouble, I remain, wishing you and Mr. Edison to live a hundred years and more, and enjoy good health at all times, I am,

Very truly yours,
Alfred Albert Simon
3419 Giles Ave
St. Louis, Mo.

P.S. when Mr. Edison comes home for lunch, put the photo under his plate and I know he will put his signature on it-

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March 11, 1921

An important meeting of the Marie Curie Radium Fund executive committee and committee of scientists will be held at 4 p. m. Friday, March 18th, at the Equitable Trust Company, No. 37 Wall Street.

Your presence is earnestly desired.

ELSIE C. MEAD,
Secretary.

Regrets

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March 12, 1921

Dear Mrs. Edison:

I regretted very much that you were not able to attend the Curie Meeting yesterday. A report of that meeting will go to you.

It is difficult to fit even a small part of all the invitations that are coming into the time Madame Curie will be in this country. But we certainly wish before all other things to have her visit you and Mr. Edison and his laboratory. We are trying not to put any social strain upon Madame Curie at all. I shall let you know as soon as we can plan the dates exactly, what day Madame Curie will go to Orange. It will be, I should say, safe to figure on its coming the last week of May.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Marie M. Meloney
(Mrs. William Brown Meloney)

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
West Orange
New Jersey

THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

March 25th, 1921.

Mrs. Edison :

When the cottages at Chautauqua were torn down was an arrangement made with Mr. Rowland to sell these to wreckers ? I do not know just what your arrangement was with Mr. Rowland but if the houses were in fairly good condition, it would seem that something should have been realized as salvage when they were torn down. We have never heard anything from Mr. Rowland in this connection.

R. W. KELLOGG,

Secretary

He was to let me hear from him - I would like a report to ask what was made for me out of the work.

FT. MYERS

April 9th, 1921.

Parke, Davis & Company
#181 Hudson Street,
New York City.

Attention Dr. Tucker

Gentlemen :

Below is copy of report just received from caretaker on the Edison Estate at Fort Myers, Fla., relative to trial of your "Azoa" rat poison as a means of exterminating the rats that infest the citrus grove.

"In relation to "Azoa" or "Rat Virus" and its effect will state that since I received said Virus, March 9th, 1921, the directions have been promptly, strictly and continuously adhered to daily when necessary.

"The Virus has been placed in every available spot where the rodents appear to frequent, to wit; porches around the family residence; throughout the Groves, in Laboratory, porches of Cottage, under same and beneath said cottage; in Laundry and under, in poultry yard and, also in all buildings on opposite side of Boulevard.

"We have watched closely for dead rats or signs of same but, to date, the wily mischievous creatures appear to be disposed to a more strenuous activity than to a presumed disintegration; judging from their nocturnal escapades.

"Of late, we have frequently heard disturbances in the Laboratory and our investigations have found that rats were the cause. The same is true in the cottage - overhead and on the porches.

"There are times when said rats become so noisy that I am called upon to "see who is on the back or front porch" as the case requires. If this said Virus had been distributed for the purpose of infusing new life in the rats it is a very decided success, so far as our experience goes. It is now one day over the 3 weeks required to subdue the rodents, since you sent me the last batch of Azoa and over eight weeks since you sent other suppaies of Azoa for same purpose, yet no desired results have obtained.

"It is quite evident that "a few rodents are immune, or may become so", as stated in directions. It is also quite evident that we are pestered with the immune species of rat in so far as Azoa is concerned, because, they are more numerous and energetic.

"The foregoing is the result of two months careful watching"

We had high hopes of being successful in ridding the grove of this pest, or, at least, of greatly reducing the numbers of rats. This report is very discouraging.

Have you any further suggestions to offer ?

Very truly yours,

Secretary

I should say that they should make good and charge us nothing.

Mr. T.A. Edison: Mr. T.A. Edison: Mr. B.E. Twistman

April 22, 1921.

Mr. Alfred Albert Simon,
3419 Giles Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I regret that there has been such a long delay in sending you the autographed picture of Mr. Edison. He has been so very busy the last few months that he has had no time to sign photographs. I am sending the picture by mail to-day.

Mr. Edison does not wish to make any charge; so I return your money order herewith.

Yours very truly,

Assistant to Mr. Edison.

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April 23rd
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Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison :

Will you send me by return mail the name and address of one person besides yourself who you would like to have receive an invitation to the ceremony at the White House when President Harding presents Madame Curie with a gram of radium on May 20th ?

We must submit these names at once to the White House; therefore I make this request urgently.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie C. Mead
Secretary

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Glenmont
320 Spruce St.
Richmond Hill
L.I.

April 28th 1921

Dear Mr. Meadowcroft.

Thank you so much for your kind letter and for telephoning Mr. Edison re the old clock. A beautifully worded and highly prized letter from her had already explained how the clock was going. Was out there April 15th and effected some regulation but evidently not enough, as it still has a gaining rate. Shall make another trip in a day or so, as I promised to have this work perfectly and shall keep that promise.

Dined with Charles Kirk last evening at the Engineer's Club. He is far from well, and I am afraid intends to go into the Germantown Hospital for treatment. Seems very anemic and colorless, easily tired. Spent last Saturday afternoon and evening with another old friend of yours at his home 122 W. 81st St. - Mr. H. V. A. Parsell.

Extremely sorry to hear of your recent illness but equally glad to know you are back at your post, I hope fully restored.

Sincerely
J. A. Wardlaw.

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April 30, 1921.

Mr. F. A. Wardlaw,
325 Spruce St.,
Richmond Hill, L.I.

Dear Mr. Wardlaw:

Let me extend my thanks for your letter of April 28th. I am sure that you will not let up - until you have Mrs. Edison's clock going entirely to her and your satisfaction..

I am very sorry indeed to learn that Charles is not as well as he might me. I am afraid that he is probably devoting himself too extensively to his business. I saw him two weeks ago at an Executive Committee Meeting of the Edison Pioneers. and he certainly did look colorless and weak. I trust that he will get in the hands of a good doctor and receive benefit from such treatment as is given. It had slipped my mind that you and my old friend Henry Parcell were acquainted. I hadn't seen him for a long long time. Our paths ran very close together at one time, but for several years we have not seen much of each other. He is a royal good fellow, one of the really true blue kind.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

May 6th, 1921.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison :-

With your permission just received, we have told the American Radiator Company that they may photograph the boilers in your residence.

Mr. Whitelaw, their boiler specialist, called this afternoon and asked if you would not kindly write a letter stating your experience with the boilers during last season. I promised to submit his request, though I suppose you do not usually do this.

As closely as we could estimate, the old Richardson and Boynton boiler consumed 80 tons of coal per season or a little more. The American Radiator Company gave you a guarantee in writing that the consumption of their boilers would not exceed 60 tons - a saving of 25%. You had about 20 tons of Egg coal in the cellar when the season opened and we have put 36 tons additional, all of which has been consumed. Consumption of the new boilers was, therefore, approximately 56 tons or a little better than the guarantee. The winter, of course, was mild but I think it is a general experience that almost as much coal is consumed in a comparatively mild winter as in severe weather. These boilers have to be fired only once every 8 hours without regard to the temperature except that when the weather is very mild firing need not be done even every 8 hours.

No

You burned only one of the boilers during the season except for two or three days when the weather was quite cold, when the second boiler was put into service so that we might observe the conditions when both boilers were working. The house, I believe, was kept very comfortable during the entire season, with no pressure whatever showing on the steam gauge.

Not yet!

Are you willing to state these facts to the American Radiator Company, preferably over your own signature ?

R. W. KELLOW
Secretary

Telephoned Mr. Whitelaw 5/10/21

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM NO. 1690
DATE May 12,1921.
EFFECTIVE

FUNCTION Mina H. Edison.

FROM L. H. Boarman, Manager,
Fire Protection and Insurance Service Dept.

TO R. W. Kellow, Secretary,
Thomas A. Edison, Personal.

SUBJECT Full fire insurance coverage on Edison Residence,
Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N.J.

Glenmont

Dear Mr. Kellow:-

Referring further to your Financial Memorandum No. P588 of April 21st and ours of April 22nd, No. 1601, we are now in receipt of endorsements and bills effecting $70,500.00 additional fire insurance coverage on the Edison Residence in Llewellyn Park; the distribution of increase being $13,000.00 on the dwelling and $57,500 on personal property, making a total coverage of $113,000.00 on the dwelling and $157,500.00 on the contents which in total represents 100% of the sound value as appraised by the International Appraising Company, Inc. As previously stated this insurance is free of co-insurance conditions.

The attached bills in amount of $274.06 you will note cover a new policy of the Niagara No. 12320 for $25,000.00 with a term of 3 years and time and increases of $20,500.00 and $25,000.00 respectively under policies of American-Newark and Insurance Company of North American from date of increase to expiration (8-31-23 & 10-31-21) The endorsements to be attached to all existing policies correct the sum of the items to read as now written, to which each Company will be liable on a pro-rata basis.

Upon issuance of draft in settlement kindly hand same to this Department to be forwarded.

L. H. Boarman.
L. H. Boarman
Fire Protection & Insurance Service Dept.

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COPIES TO MR. STEPHEN B. MAMBERT (2) J. W. Robinson.

THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

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May 16th, 1921.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison :

Attached hereto are two bills from our Insurance Brokers, Owens & Phillips, covering premium on insurance which covers both your residence and contents of same at Llewellyn Park. The bills amount to $274.06 and we will appreciate your check covering this amount so that we may send it to Owens and Phillips.

You will recall that we increased, with your approval, the amount of insurance carried on your residence and the contents of same to meet the figures as set up in the appraisal recently made by the International Appraisal Company of New York.

J. V. MILLER

J. V. Miller

Assistant Financial Executive

5/17/21 - Mrs. Edison approves both bills -

Apr. 22 — 151.09

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Sent to C. Haas for payment —

AMERICAN RADIATOR COMPANY

American Radiator Company,
104 West 42nd Street,
New York City

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry concerning the operation of the two Type "A" Boilers (which replaced an old style boiler) installed in my residence, Llewellyn Park, West Orange, I would state that they have proved both satisfactory in heating efficiency and in fuel economy.

We found it necessary to use only one of the boilers the past Winter, which heated the house more efficiently than the old style boiler, besides effecting a saving of 33% in fuel.

The old boiler consumed over 80 tons of Anthracite Fuel, whereas the Type "A" Boiler required but 54 tons, or 26 tons less, or an estimated saving of $338.00.

Very truly yours,

Letter suggested by Mr. Whitelaw
J.A.R.C.

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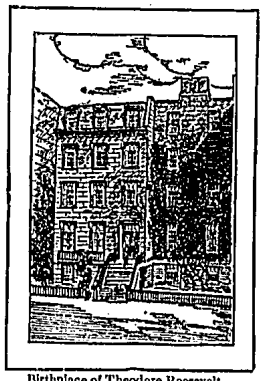

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"Glenmont"
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

June 10, 1921.

5 tickets ordered 6/13/21

Dear Mrs. Edison:-

The Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Association has taken Carnegie Hall for Thursday afternoon, October 27th for a Roosevelt Birthday Festival.

There will be several well-known speakers and over 250 girls of the Wadleigh High School will take part in an attractive pageant written by one of the teachers.

We are selling the first tier boxes for $25 and the second tier boxes for $20. The orchestra seats are $1.

As a foundation member of this Association we would greatly appreciate your cooperation in disposing of as many tickets as possible.

Please signify on the enclosed blank how many you will want and they will be sent to you in September.

Yours sincerely,

Emily H. Hammond

(Mrs. John Henry Hammond)
President

Cannot sell any tickets - but later 5 tickets for myself

2 enclosures

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

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June 18th 1921

My dear Mr. Macalowcroft:-

Thank you so much for your prompt reply to mine of the 14th.

In line with your suggestion I have written Mrs. Edison telling her the facts as told me about the theft, or perhaps better say non-return of the little clock, intimating it might be an advisable thing to get Mr. Miller on the job. I would force the issue if I had the authority, but only know what the maid told me.

Scheffler tells me Chas. Wirt has had two transfusions of blood, and there is a strong probability of his being operated upon for cancer of the stomach, a thing I fear he will never survive. He is away in the country at present and I've written Mr. Wirt to find out about him. He's not been well for some years and when I last saw him at the Engineer's Club about 4 weeks ago he looked very pale.

Have not been out to Glenmont since Mr. Edison was home with cold after the fishing trip, but presume all the clocks are behaving themselves. Should any of them get unruly am ready to correct them, and glad I know how to do it for the family's sake.

All good wishes to you from

Yours Sincerely

F. A. Wardlaw.

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GLENMONT, LLEWELLYN PARK
WEST ORANGE

June 21st, 1921

My dear Mr. Meadowcroft:

Thank you for remembering my interest in anything concerning my husband. I shall read the little pamphlet with pleasure.

Yours sincerely
Mina Miller Edison.

June 21, 1921.

Mr. F. A. Wardlaw,
c/o-Turn-Auto Corp.,
149 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wardlaw:

Many thanks for your kind letter of June 18th. I am glad that you tought well of my suggestion in regard to the clock.

I am sincerely grieved to learn of the condition of our old friend Charles Wirt. I saw him two or three months ago, and he simply looked colorless. It is too bad that he is in such poor shape, and I sincerely hope that the doctors may be able to pull him through successfully.

With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely,yours,

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1921 TAE-Family

GLENMONT, LLEWELLYN PARK
WEST ORANGE

June 26th 1921

My dear Mr. Meadowcroft.

It is too bad about the Dahlias and I am sorry to say that one of my four has not matured. The other three seem to be coming on all right. I do hope that they will prove to be fine.

Thank you for the note concerning them. Perhaps we will be more successful next fall. Please bring them to my attention at that time.

Yours Sincerely
Mina Miller Edison

Mr Edison

25 So Park Drive
West Orange

Dear Mrs Edison

Who is he where does he work?

I am writing you for your assistance to try and have my husband reinstated in the shop. He got laid off in February not because of lack of work but a little spite, and his father as well. You know how hard it is to get employment now and we have two children

We did get about six orders from the Bureau but that is all. And ½ months rent paid that is all the relief we got so you can picture our predicament. And if I thought of I wrote from you, you would understand and have an interview. I will be glad to hear from you to call and see you or Mr Edison and I am sure he will be glad to understand the and effect another I do wish that you or Mr Edison would have a talk with me or Eddie and I am sure you will see how mean he and his father were treated. We are not getting along well with rent to pay and food if I were able to work it would not be so bad but my condition prevails now.

situation. Thanking you
for your kindness, I am
Sincerely
(Mrs) Ada McMullen

Aug. 11, 1921.

Will refer
this letter to laboratory

Send this letter to
Mr. Meadowcroft.

August 24, 1921.

Mr. Edison:

The man referred to in the attached letter is an Edward McMullen, who worked in the Plating Department for a period of approximately five years. His work covered graphiting of masters, copper plating of masters, and general work in the Plating Department. He was laid off about six months ago. Mr. Folsom is familiar with the discharge.

Folsom

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Is he related to the other McMullan

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Mr. Edison - 8/25/21

Edward McMullen is a brother of John McMullen, who was in charge of Plating before me.

He was let go for several reasons one of which was that he was caught sleeping while on duty several times.

I caught him myself twice.

Folsom

HEET

) DELIVERIES

DATE

TOTAL

(Cannot walk
Caught sleeping
& neglected his work
not already stand away
without permission)

The father could not off
(because we had no
work for him)

Mrs Ada McMullen

I have inquired about your husband & find that he was laid off for following reasons which cover a long period

1st general inefficiency & neglect of work

2nd Was caught a sleep twice in 2 months

3 Was not a steady man

as he was off duty several times without notification or permission

As to the father, he was laid off because we had no work for him

J.W.S.

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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

August 25, 1921.

Mrs. Ada McMullen,
25 So. Park Ave.,
W. Orange, N.J.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of August 11th to Mrs. Edison has been given to Mr. Edison, who had the case of your husband being laid off in February investigated.

The report he received is as follows:

1. General inefficiency and neglect of work.

2. Was caught sleeping twice in two months.

3. Was not a steady man, as he was off duty several times without notification or permission.

4. As to the Father, he was laid off because we had no work for him.

Yours very truly,

Assistant to Mr. Edison.

Port Huron, September 13th 1921.
#25245 Military Road. Thursday P.M.

My Dear Mrs. Edison.

Yesterday afternoon, sent a telegram to Mr. Edison, at the earnest request of a company of his Port Huron friends, asking his influence in placing the name of Miss Binie West of Port Huron, Michigan, before President Harding, as a candidate for appointment on the Disarmament Board, soon to convene. Sent the message to the house, least in the pressure of communications at the office, it might not reach him so soon as

desired.

Am inclosing herewith a clipping from paper of last evening, which gives a brief resume of her (Miss West's) activities as a live woman of our day.

Pardon the liberties on your time, but I am very anxious that a woman, or women should receive recognition on this gathering together of the World's fairest representatives.

May the Spirit of Justice and Needful Wisdom overshadow the Delegates –

Most sincerely – Caroline Barrand Ballentine

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE (PHOTOCOPY)]

[PHOTOCOPY]

ENDORSING MISS WEST.

From Wisconsin comes the announcement that the women of that state are behind the plan of having a woman representative on the disarmament advisory committee and that they are backing Miss Bina M. West, of this city, for the place.

"Seven other states" said the dispatch published in this newspaper last Saturday, "have already suggested the names of Miss Bina West, of Port Huron, Michigan, head of the Women's Benefit Association, comprising more than 500,000 women members throughout the United States."

The mention of Miss West's name in this connection recalls an interview we published in this column not long ago, with a woman who represents the state of Oklahoma in congress. When asked what she thought of having a woman on this committee, she said:

"Show me a woman better equipped for the job than some man and I'll be for her."

That's good sense, too. It wouldn't be either good business or good policy to name a woman, just because of her sex, for so important a mission. But a woman whose character and record make her pre-eminently fitted for the place should most certainly have first consideration.

Miss West is just such a woman. Perhaps our enthusiasm may be stimulated a bit by the fact that she is a citizen of our city, but it should not be forgotten that the suggestion comes from Wisconsin and other states.

Miss West is a leader. She is a clear thinker. She is not carried away, as are many women, by their emotions and ideals. She is practical, has a thorough knowledge of her country's needs and would never lose sight of national interest.

As the head of the greatest women's fraternal association in the world, Miss West would give voice to the true sentiment of the womanhood of our nation. She would bring to the committee the experience of a life's work in a humane cause.

President Harding would make no mistake in selecting Miss West, not because she is a woman, but for the reason that she could take a high place in the councils of men and her natural common sense and devotion to duty would be of great value to her country.

My dear Mr. Meadowcroft:

Mr. Edison received this telegram but he said that it was so foolish that he would not even answer it.

Tell your answer in some polite form this letter from Mrs. Ballantine.

United States Steel Corporation

71 BROADWAY EMPIRE BUILDING

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

New York, November 14th, 1921.

Mr. W. H. Meadowcroft,
Thomas A. Edison Laboratory,
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Mr. Meadowcroft:

Confirming telephone conversation of this afternoon I am sending herewith, for Mrs. Edison's use, three cards for Box No. 43 at the banquet of the American Iron & Steel Institute, Hotel Commodore, on November 18th, 1921.

Very truly yours,

Geo. Lee

Secretary to Judge Gary.

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1922

This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1922. Included is a letter from Luther H. Martin, Registrar of Rutgers College, regarding the honorary Doctor of Science degree awarded Edison in 1922, along with remarks of President William H. Demarest. Also included is a letter from C. H. Silliman offering to sell an original watercolor by the British Romantic painter Joseph Mallord William Turner—an offer Edison declined on account of "the present depression." Among the documents pertaining to Glenmont, the Edison home in Llewellyn Park, are a communication from Mina Edison's brother John V. Miller in regard to a problem with the floor of the sitting room and a request from Orestes H. Caldwell, editor of *Electrical Merchandising*, to photograph the electrical equipment in the house. There is also a letter from the eminent chemist Edwin E. Slosson concerning a visit to the Edisons. Among the items relating to Mina's involvement with the Chautauqua movement are letters discussing the financial situation of author and social activist Anna Hardwicke Pennybacker, president of the Chautauqua Woman's Club.

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Say on account of the present depression ~~[illegible]~~ our family ~~[illegible]~~ Even afford to buy a Chrome much less a Turner Etc Etc Etc

#16 West 96th Street,
~~[illegible]~~k, N. Y.
March 7th, 1922

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

I have been identified with this company as Vice President since its organization, although not an active participant in its affairs as my personal interests have kept me in Texas and California.

My present home address is Palm Ranch, Brawley, Imperial Valley, California.
Mrs. Silliman and I had the pleasure of meeting you at Chautaqua, N. Y. where we were spending the summer about 25 years ago, and I am writing this note thinking that possibly you and your good husband might be interested in my Turner Painting, a description of which I enclose as I am liquidating my affairs here, in order to return to California at an early date, having recently passed three score and ten and retiring from active business.

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Mr. Vavasour Earle of London the former owner of the picture for 35 years valued it at $25,000 to $50,000 and I am willing to let it go for about one fifth that amount.

I would be pleased to bring it over without the frame at your convenience if you could spare the time to look at it and without any obligation whatever, on your part.

You are at liberty to communicate with any of the following friends as to my responsibility.
Judge R. D. Silliman,
316 Park Avenue, East Orange, Phone Orange 5609.
Capt. Lewis Cass Rauch (my nephew by marriage to my sisters eldest daughter) Manager Business Extension Irving National Bank, 141 Hollywood Ave., East Orange, Phone Orange 2695-J.
Dr. John Franklin Crowell, former President N. C. University and Editor Wall Street Journal, 89 N. Munn Avenue, E. Orange, Phone Orange 6026.
Mr. & Mrs. Jos. H. Gay, 112 S. Munn Avenue, E. Orange, Phone Orange 5650.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison.

With the highest regard for the wonderful and unsurpassed work.your husband is accomplishing, I remain

Faithfully,

H. Tillinas
16 W. 96 St
N.Y.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

COPY

W. M. TURNER'S ORIGINAL PAINTING
"ULYSSES DERIDING POLYPHEMUS"

This original painting, which measures 3 feet in by 2 feet 4 in., is the one from which Turner painted his large canvas measuring 4 ft. 3 in. by 5 ft. 9 in., now in the London National Gallery. It is stated by Ruskin to be the central picture of Turner's artistic career. It is comparable for beauty and daring with the "Fighting Temeraire", the one representing Sunrise and the other representing Sunset, and they are held to be the artist's two finest pictures.

In his description of the Ulysses-Polyphemus picture Ruskin refers to the balze of crimson, gold and purple, these colors - or rather the crimson - being more pronounced in the large picture than in the original sketch. Ruskin also refers to the difficulty of the subject and composition, and states that only a man with the genius of Turner could have been capable of carrying it out so perfectly. In viewing both pictures it is at once obvious that no one but Turner could have painted them.

This original was given by Turner to the then Earl of Arran, who was in the habit of spending hours in Turner's studio at a time when the artist's genius was not so generally appreciated as in after years. It bears all the earmarks of its age, and displays Turner's unique method of brush handling and method of applying his pigments.

In many important details it differs materially from the subsequent working out of the large canvas.

The clouds in the large picture are different in shape, form and position, while as a matter of fact the cloud effects in the large picture are not so striking as in the smaller one.

In the large picture the sun is higher and much larger above the horizon and near the sun is a shadowy outline of Phoebus with his chariot, about to start on his daily course. The foremost grotto rock in the center of the two pictures differs altogether in shape, being much wider at the apex in the parge picture, while in the latter the larger rock in the background is shown as distinctly separate from the mainland.

From the mainmast of the ship in the large picture no pennant is flying, but, instead, studding sails are shown above the mainsail.

In the larger body around the border of the mainsail, instead of the two red lines as shown in the small picture is a border of Greek pattern. In the large canvas the ship is apparently less "on end" and there are six sweeps instead of five, while the two broken sweeps protrude from the two end portholes. In the large picture two anchors are fixed in the vessel's side, and a small shadowy three masted vessel is in the background near the central rock.

In the large canvas which is in the London National Gallery a group of naiads with stars crowning their heads are seen swimming around the stern of the vessel.

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This original painting was undoubtedly considered by Turner to be one of his finest efforts, and he apparently decided to paint the same subject on a large scale as his gallery masterpiece.

Although in the possession of the formertowner for over 30 years, the Turner monogram was only discovered on the painting a short time ago.

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C. H. Silliman, owner.
16 West 96th St.,
New York, N. Y.

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COPY

Memo. from the former owner of
this original Turner Painting -
"Ulysses deriding Polyphemus"

In regard to the "Turner":-this with a picture of Venice and a small blue painting by the same artist was bought by me some thirty years ago. The pictures in question which were in one of my offices were recognized by the late Earl of Arran, who with Lady Arran, called upon me on one occasion. He told me at the time that he remembered when he was a lad how his father used to spend an hour or two every week in Turner's studio, and that he had in all some thirty or forty paintings by Turner which from time to time he used to bring home in a cab. He said that on the death of his father, with a view to clearing off some heavy liabilities, he sent his father's paintings to a London auction room. On the day of the sale the dealers present apparently doubted the authenticity of the paintings and the first twenty or thirty pictures were sold for trifling sums. Towards the end of the sale the Earl went into the room to see how the sale was going on. He was recognized by some of the dealers, and a whisper went round that it was a genuine sale with the result that the remaining pictures fetched high prices. This is the story as told me by the Earl. The Venice picture was painted chiefly in yellow and as it was considerably faded, I accepted an offer made to me for it of two thousand five hundred pounds sterling. The Polyphemus painting was very dirty and I sent it to Caesar of Augsburg, at that time considered the best restorer in Europe. He wrote me that he considered it a very fine example of the master, and in my opinion it is either the original sketch of the large picture or a small replica subsequently made in which the artist had made sundry alterations from the original. If I had remained in England I should have retained the picture in my gallery. I had a letter from the Earl of Arran respecting these pictures, as he wanted himself to buy back the small blue painting. Unfortunately when I gave up business, this letter was destroyed with all my files of correspondence.

(Signed) Varasour Earle.

New York, July 23rd, 1916.

P.S. The two Turner Paintings owned by the Frick Estate were Insured @ $75.000 Each.

Cable Address "Edison, New York"

From the Laboratory of Thomas A. Edison,

Orange, N.J.

March 8, 1922.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

I have received your letter of March 6th in reference to taking some photographs of electrical equipment in Mr. Edison's home. I have consulted him on the matter and he has expressed his willingness that this may be done. It should be done before the middle of next week if possible, as Mr. Edison is contemplating a trip to Florida.

Of course, in cases like this the lady of the house is a very important figure, and I would suggest that you write immediately to Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, Glenmont, Llewellyn Park, Orange, N.J. stating that you have asked Mr. Edison for permission to photograph some of the electrical equipment in his house and he has consented.

I would suggest that you further state when you would like to come out, and ask whether that will suit her convenience. If I were you I would send the letter by special delivery.

Yours very truly,

Wm. H. Meadowcroft

Assistant to Mr. Edison.

WHM:FTR

Mr. O. H. Caldwell, Editor,
Electrical Merchandising,
10th Ave. & 36th St.,
New York City.

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We have the Frigidaire + the Westinghouse system. I see by this picture they have Photographs of such things. Ours are so scattered that no great impression could be made.

Mr. Meadowcroft

In fact, Mr. Meadowcroft, I have put in certain appliances at different times and have discarded them as there is always so much opposition below and nothing followed out. Also expense is heavy or has been here in the Park.

Electrical Merchandising

The Monthly Magazine of the Electrical Trade

MC GRAW-HILL COMPANY, INC.

10TH AVENUE AT 36TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

March 9th, 1922

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My dear Mrs. Edison:

I have written to Mr. Edison for permission to photograph some of the electrical equipment in your home at Llewellyn Park, and he has generously indicated his willingness,- provided of course - that your consent is obtained.

Understanding that your family leaves for Florida the middle of next week, I want to ask if it will be convenient for me to bring a photographer out on next Saturday, (March 11th), or Monday or Tuesday afternoon of next week. I shall telephone Friday noon to learn your wishes.

As I explained to Mr. Meadowcroft, Electrical Merchandising is endeavoring to stimulate electrical people to equip their own homes electrically complete. Already, following in your own footsteps, a few such homes have been so equipped and we have pictured these as enclosed, including my own home at Bronxville, N. Y.

For our National Electric Light Association number, our electrical readers would be greatly interested to see yours - "the master home electric of them all," and it is with the purpose of obtaining these pictures that I am asking to impose on your good nature.

Sincerely,

O. H. Caldwell

Editor

To
Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Glenmont,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

O H Caldwell
FRC

Mr. Meadowcroft. Please answer. Shes making children. We have no photographs to take as we are not electrically equipped

Called Mr Caldwell 3/10/22. He said he had Mrs. Edison's + she had consented to let him photo now. Thanks. WHM

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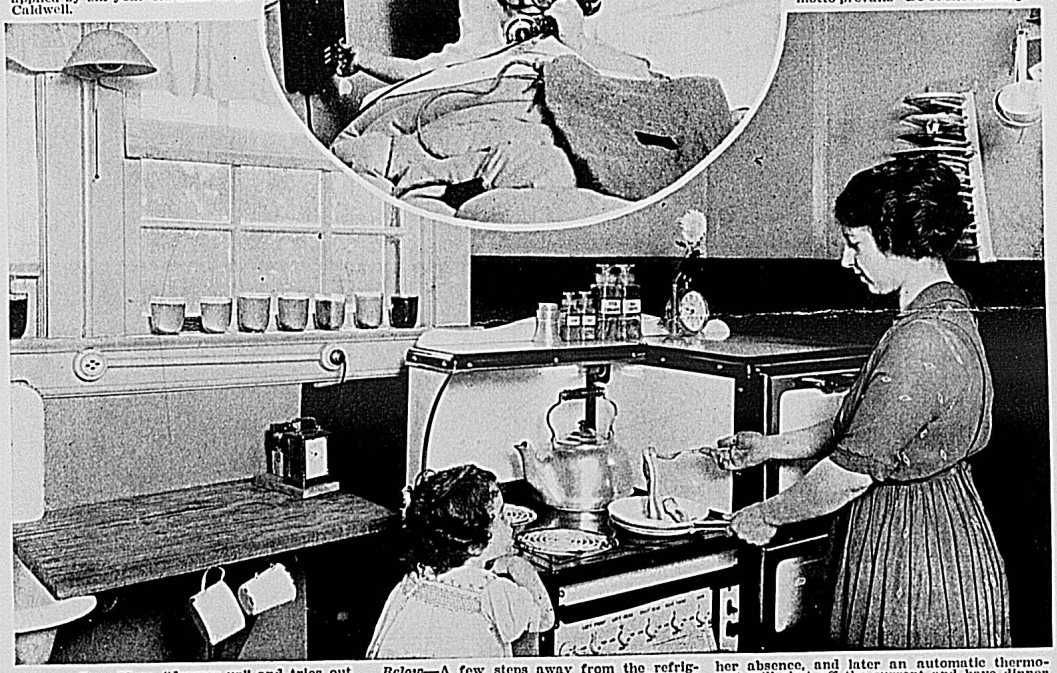
ELECTRICAL MERCHANDISING *presents*

Nine Glimpses Into the Editor's Own "Home Electrical"

A whole day's dishes are washed by a twist of the switch, proudly applied by six-year-old Joan Hope Caldwell.

The iceman is forever banished from the Caldwell household where in this—as in all other things—the motto prevails "Do It Electrically."



Center—Joan Hope "dresses up" and tries out Mother's bedside telephone wherewith one can call the maid's room, kitchen and laundry—all without even lifting a coverlet. And a bed-lamp like this, with radium bead and turn-down socket, makes bedtime reading a real luxury. Then there are bedside outlets for the heating pad, electrically-heated blanket, and a night-light under the bed, which illuminates the floor without lighting up the room.

Below—A few steps away from the refrigerator (wherein electricity is busy freezing ice cubes) is this 7,000-watt electric range where the same versatile kilowatts broil, fry and bake, and new electrical culinary wonders are daily disclosed under the master-hand of the electrical housewife. On maidless days, does Mrs. Caldwell desire to spend the afternoon at her Garden Club, a clock mechanism will turn on the oven at the appointed hour in her absence, and later an automatic thermostat will shut off the current and have dinner ready. Even the clock at the left, connected to a "convenience outlet," is also electric, being synchronized with the master-clock in the power-house 10 miles away. In the refrigerator picture, above, note the low bracket to light the food compartments. And the Caldwell kitchen and pantry contain exactly 22 *outlets* or places where electricity may be used.

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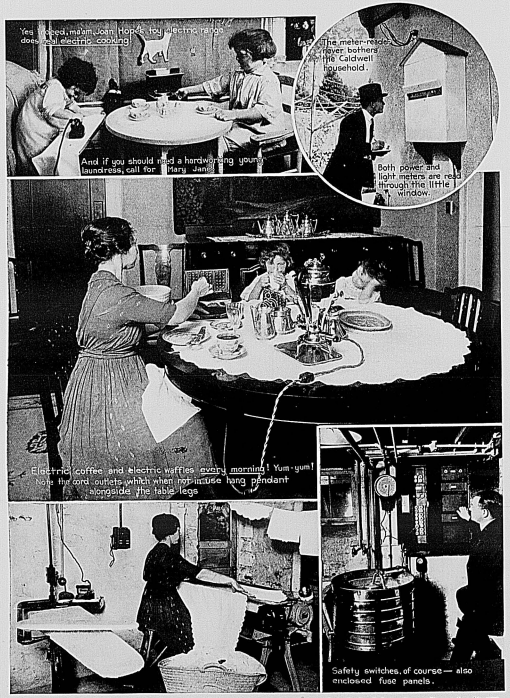

Both the ironing board and the electrically-heated motor-driven ironer are semaphored by pilot lamps. Overhead is a 200-watt gas-filled lamp in an RLM reflector, which brings electric sunshine into this workshop of the home. A similar big lamp is positioned over the washing machine. And the home telephone is at the laundress' elbow.

Each of the major appliances has its own separate fuse circuit. Makes it handy, too, for the janitor to run off a recording test of any appliance.

Every Member of "Electrical Merchandising's" Staff Is an Enthusiastic Booster for the Electrical Idea

Pacific Coast Editor Bob Sibley sweeps up fallen rose petals in the garden of his California home, and, of course, does it electrically.

Charles L. Pannell, between writing electrical news, applies this dainty dental tool to a lady's teeth on a friend's mandibles-swallower.

Paul A. Schoch (standing), the world's greatest make-up man, and Arthur F. Hiteon, walking encyclopedia of electrical lore, welcome the electrical era in the Medrow-Hall electrical composing room.

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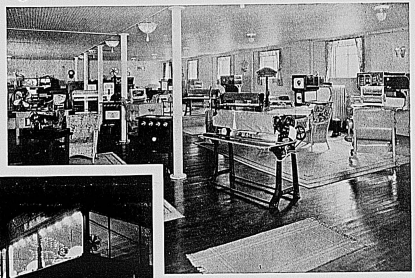
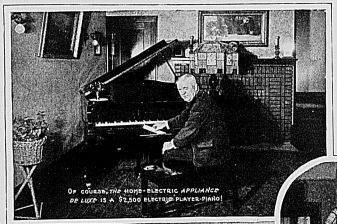
Making the Store Fit a Growing Business

The main salesroom of the Central Electric Company, Detroit, is reserved for the sale of heavy appliances. It is reached by a short flight of stairs from the store proper. Eight or more heavy appliances of each kind are always ready for demonstration. This permits several sales of the same kind of appliance to be under way at the same time without interference between salesmen and prospects.

At night the electric sign stands out like a great headlight in many colors. The store is ablaze with light. It advertises that electricity is not expensive —and then uses plenty itself.

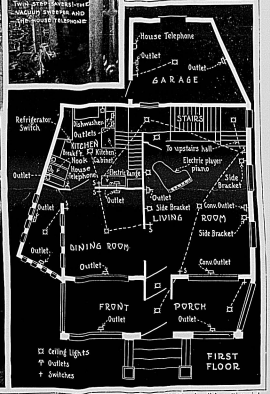


In the main store (below) are sold lamps, toasters, irons, grills, percolators, and other small appliances. Mahogany wall cases are fully mirrored. One of each of the larger appliances is on display here, but demonstrations and sales are made in the main salesroom (above) reached by steps at the rear of the store.



And Here's an Electrical Jobber Who Has a Complete "Electrical Home"

The gentleman at the piano is not Rachmaninoff but Harry Hutchisson himself, president of the Electrical League of Cleveland, the organization which recently put on three "Electrical Home" exhibits and is now planning still others for the education of Clevelanders. Mr. Hutchisson agrees with ELECTRICAL MERCHANDISING that electrical men must not only sell and believe in electrical conveniences themselves, but *must completely equip their own homes with electrical devices*, as demonstrations to their communities of the charms of electric-living! So, when Mr. Hutchisson built his new home on Cleveland's lake-front boulevard, he took pride in making it the last word in electrical equipment. Indeed, he watched every item that went into it, and he personally handled every wire. Now, evenings, he sits at his electrical baby-grand, and enjoys the fruits of his labors.



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Electrical Merchandising *Pictorial*

A Monthly Picture Section of Sales Ideas

Start the Sale— When the House Is Planned!

WHETHER THIS SALESMAN SELLS THE COMPLETE QUALITY EQUIPMENT WHICH THESE PROSPECTS SHOULD BUY FOR THEIR NEW HOME WILL DEPEND

—UPON WHAT AMOUNT THEY SET ASIDE FOR ELECTRICAL FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT BACK WHEN THE PLANS FOR THE NEW HOUSE WERE BEING DRAWN UP AND THE FOUNDATIONS STARTED.

ARE YOU NOW EDUCATING THE PEOPLE WHO DURING 1922 WILL BUILD NEW HOMES IN YOUR TOWN, TO SET ASIDE 5 TO 7 PER CENT. FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT? THE PLUMBER, YOU KNOW TAKES 13 PER CENT!

He is Harry Hutchisson, president of the Cleveland Electrical League and president of the Luetkemeyer Company of Cleveland, wholesalers, the development of whose electrical department, during his thirty years' association with the company, has been his chief business hobby.

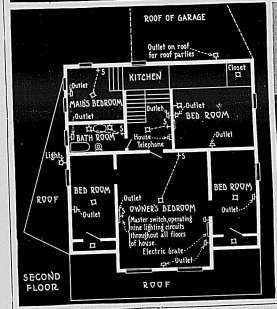
The Hutchisson "Home Electric" contains some ninety-two "convenience outlets" and numerous "convenience switches." In its wiring and equipment, as these pictures and plans show, this house is a model of the completeness which should mark every electrical man's home!

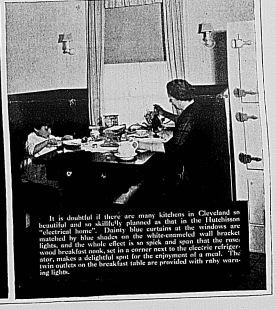
A TOUCH OF THIS BEDSIDE SWITCH FLOODS THE WHOLE HOUSE WITH LIGHT

THE ARROWS SHOW HOW THERE'S A CONVENIENCE OUTLET WITH EVERY FOOT AND HERE'S A BUILT-IN ELECTRIC RADIATOR

Prowlers don't worry the Hutchissons. It isn't only that "The Minter" is a match for any comer, but also because he has beside his bed this neat argument in the form of *instantaneous electric light all over the house!* This master switch is necessary because the switch-plate, like all others throughout the dwelling, is finished to match the white wood-work. Like all the other switches, it is readily found at night by the radium marker.

Having one's hair washed isn't half bad when there's magical electric warm air to blow it dry. And the doll lady on the table that turns out to be an electric light, and the place in the wall at the left that gloves and warms the whole room when you press a button are also a constant delight to the Young Idea. Note the "convenience outlets" flanking the wall radiator.





It is doubtful if there are many kitchens in Cleveland so beautiful and so skillfully planned as that in the Hutchisson "electrical home". Dainty blue curtains at the windows are matched by blue shades on the white-enameled wall bracket lights, and the whole effect is so quick and upon that the rose-wood breakfast nook, set in a corner next to the electric refrigerator, makes a delightful spot for the enjoyment of a meal. The stove, makes a delightful spot for the enjoyment of a meal. The twin outlets on the breakfast table are provided with ruby warning lights.

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Utah Electric Company, Machester, N.H.

Utah Electric & Photo Equipment Co., Salt Lake City, Utah

When The Store Fits The Demand

Is it too much to say that success is possible for any electrical retailer only to the extent that his store fits the demand for the store? That intangible something called "demand" is nothing more nor less than the actual needs and wants of the people living in the territory that supports the store. These needs and wants must be fully recognized and understood by the retailer in selecting a store space, fixtures, furnishings, and stock, and in working out an arrangement of these physical things. Unless this is done, the store is likely to be a misfit as far as the demand is concerned.

Morrison Electrical Supply Co., New York City

Miami Electric Light & Power Company, Miami, Fla.

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Tell the Business Girl, "Do It Electrically"

Says Clara Zillessen:

ONE reason why Clara Zillessen can hold down the job of assistant advertising manager of the Philadelphia Electric Company, write electrical articles for women's magazines, and run a servantless home, all at the same time, is that electric service in her home is used wherever it can save time and labor for herself and the other half of her family—her mother. She's proving one thing, anyway—that a successful business woman can enjoy the bliss of running her own home, too—if it's electrical. Miss Zillessen cooks, sews, cleans, washes and irons electrically. And if you, having had the good fortune to be one of her dinner guests, should wonder how, after a long day in the office, she can be the charming, unruffled hostess that she is, she will proudly lead you around and introduce you to her staff of electric servants. "If it isn't electric, it isn't modern," is more than a slogan—it's a creed—with her!

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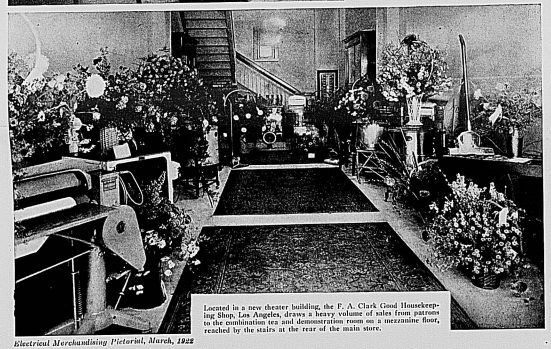
Where Profitable Service and Beauty Are Friends

Much of the beauty of the electric shop of Crosby & Elkins, on the Garden Pier at Atlantic City, lies in the unusual illumination obtained from the two "indirect" floor pedestals. Thousands of visitors make the shop pay.



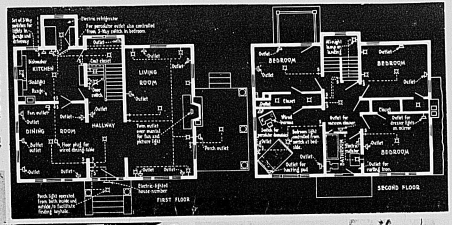
Located in a new theater building, the F. A. Clark Good Housekeeping Shop, Los Angeles, draws a heavy volume of sales from patrons to the combination tea and demonstration room on a mezzanine floor, reached by the stairs at the rear of the main store.

—and Prospered!" *—2nd Chronicles 31:21*

contribution to the electrical development work of the Cleveland Electrical League within a week after the League began its activities. This simply indicates that he makes the most of opportunity, even though he has a comparatively small business, badly located, and in a city where competition in electrical appliances is particularly keen.

But—

"He does it with all his heart and prospers!"



LOOKS MISS DENSEN SO LEASING
HO DO A GOOD SHARE OF THE
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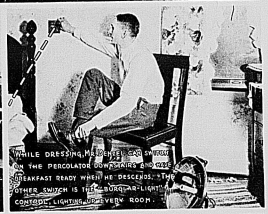
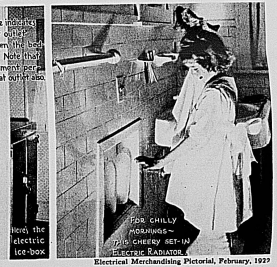
"AND SHE DOES IT WELL"
ADDS MOTHER.



WHILE DRESSING MR. DENSEN GOES ON
ON THE PERCOLATOR CONTAINING HIS
BREAKFAST READY WHEN HE DESCENDS. THE
OTHER SWITCH IS THE SOUND-LIGHT
CONTROL LIGHTING EVERY ROOM.

The dotted line indicates the percolator outlet controlled from the bedside upstairs. Note that 3-way arrangement permits control at outlet also.

THE DISHWASHER IS PERMANENTLY
CONNECTED TO HOT-WATER SUPPLY
AND DRAIN.



Here's the electric ice-box

FOR CHILLY
MORNINGS—
THIS CHEERY SET-IN
ELECTRIC RADIATOR.

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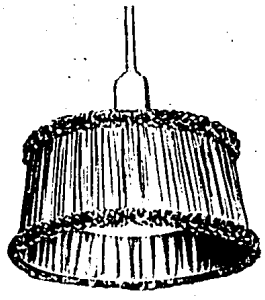
Turnover Jingles Your Cash Register

The Duplexalite is the most adaptable, versatile lighting fixture in the world. Strictly as a merchandising proposition it is second to nothing. With a small stock and a means of displaying Duplexalite effectively you can demonstrate and sell them for various commercial locations and for homes. One standard fixture for many uses makes Turnover.



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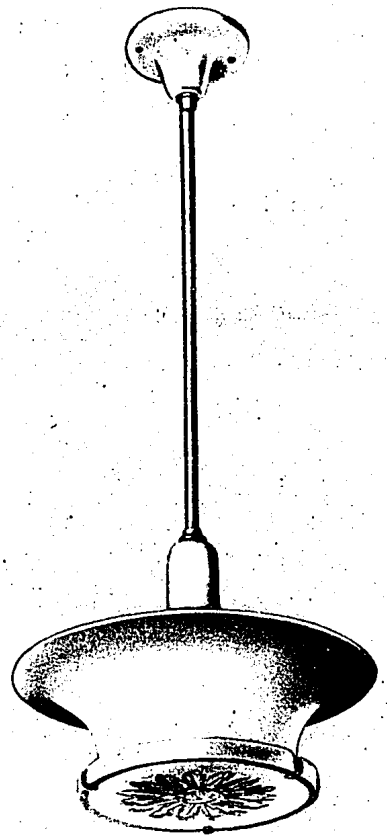

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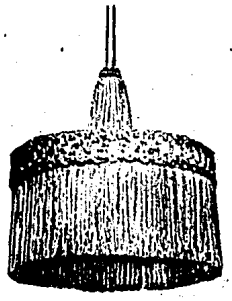

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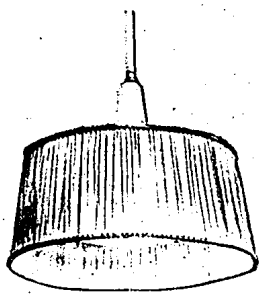

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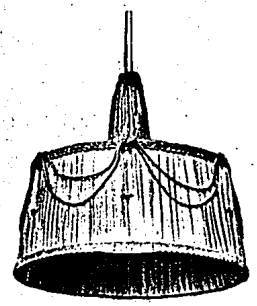

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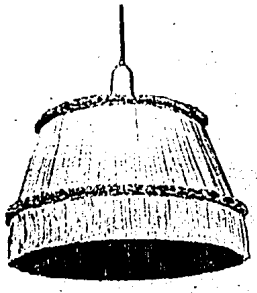

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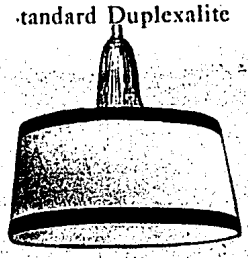

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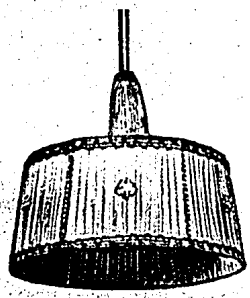


Shade S-5037

Standard Duplexalite shades. Furnished in various colors.

Duplex-a-lite

"The light to live with"

March 10, 1922.

Mr. C. H. Silliman,
16 N. 96th Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. SillianH

My wife handed me your letter of March 7th in regard to your Turner painting.

Of course I appreciate your thoughtfulness but let me say to you that on account of the present depression in business my family could not even afford to buy a Chromo, much less a Turner.

I trust you will have no trouble in placing the picture in appreciative hands.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS A. EDISON

Mrs Reply
hold for dispatch

ORANGE, N.J.

March 24th, 1922

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Seminole Lodge,
Fort Myers, Fla.

Re: Drop in Floor - Sitting Room

Dear Mrs. Edison:

We have now had six (6) different people look at this proposition and their opinion is divided. Some think that it is quite dangerous - others saying that there is no danger to worry about.

MR. LE BLANC - Thinks the situation very bad and should be relieved as soon as possible. No immediate danger however. Could wait until family returns from Florida. Thinks his force could handle all the work, floor, ceilings, mantle pieces, etc. Would have to see construction of floor to decide just what could be done and, therefore, has asked for the plans of the house.

MR. E. R. OLCOTT, Construction Contractor of E.O&
He believes that situation should be taken care of at once. Load should be relieved at once and that he could jack up the floor and bring it back to practically the original position. Thinks that he would have to remove book-cases, tapesty on the walls of the living room, take up some of the floor in order to put in iron beam or beams. Thinks that the beams around chimney in ceiling of first floor have given away to some extent. Approximate time to do the work - one month. Approximate cost $2,000.00.

MR. JILSON OF WOLF & JILSON -WEST ORANGE
Thinks no immediate danger. Would test for deflection for four or five months or perhaps more. Thinks trouble is practically all in the floor beams. Beams around chimney are OK (probably). Does not think could lift floor back to original position - can only hold up where they are now. Would have to remove practically all ceiling of first floor, also floor on the second floor. Would want engineer to figure out what iron beams would be necessary to add. Approximate time to do work - one month. Approximate cost $2,000 to $2,500.00.

E. G. SMITH OF ELLIOT G BROWN CO BUILDERS, N.Y.C.

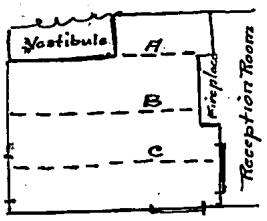
Mr. Smith is a Civil Engineer suggested by Mr. Sam Halsey. Examined proposition very carefully. Thinks situation very serious. Books should be removed at once. Floor propped up immediately. Cannot raise floor to original position but could lift same a small amount. Suggested Henry M. Doremus of Newark to do work. Gave no price or time. Would not be practical for his firm to do the work as expense for coming out would be too much.

MESSRS. N.H. THATCHER, Mason and STRUCK, Carpenter

Think that there is no immediate danger. That the work could be postponed until summer or even later. Did almost the same kind of work for Mr. Nichols in Park. Impossible to bring floors back to original position but could only hold them where they are. Necessary to remove some of the ceiling on the first floor and floor on the second floor to see the construction also to put in the eye beams where necessary. Approximate time - one month. Cost approximately about $2,000.00.

MR. HOBART WALKER, ARCHITECT - EAST ORANGE

Architect for Mr. Howe's house in the Park, also for alterations to Victory Hall, YWCA Building and numerous other jobs around the Oranges. Thinks that there is absolutely no immediate danger. In fact, says may stand for twenty (20) years. No giving way of supports around chimney Natural drop in floor beams due to overloading. Suggests placing eye beams under the floor beams now in second floor, having same boxed in with same wood, etc., as the present ceiling of the first floor. Size beams 8" for the short span and 10 to 12" for the long span.



A = 8" iron eye beam bolted in — Necessary
B = 10-12" " " " " " — Possibly necessary.
C = boxing to match other beams.

This sketch will give you a rough idea where these beams would go. Thinks it un-necessary for an architect to work on the job but would suggest a good builder to handle same.

In looking at the book cases, etc. in the sitting room more carefully I find that the base board at the bottom of the cases on the side along your bath room, shows that when book cases were put in there was a drop of one half an inch in about eight feet. As I remember it, this room was made over some ten years ago and, therefore, there must have been a very big drop in the floor at that time.

Also, today with Mr. Walker, we tried out the level of the top of the book case with water and there is a very slight drop from your bath room door to the corner but considerably more drop from the door into the Hall and the corner. We also tried the level by allowing a

pencil to roll on the top of the book case. The case along your bath room, the pencil would not roll at all. The case along the Hall, the pencil rolled freely until it came near the corner and then stopped. From these tests it would appear that there has been very little actual drop in the walls since the sitting room was made over.

Taking the judgment of the various people who have looked at the proposition, it would appear that there is no immediate danger and, therefore, we shall do nothing until you return and we talk the matter over.

I hope to have a letter from you very soon saying that everything is OK in Fort Myers - that you had a fine trip down and are having a fine time. Enjoy yourself to the limit. Everything OK up here. Glad to note that you did not try any cross country work on the railroad on the way down. With much love, I remain

Yours affectionately,

J.V. Meier

JVM/cs

RUTGERS COLLEGE
NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

June 22nd, 1922

Thomas A. Edison, Esq.
Llewellyn Park
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Mr. Edison:

I am sending you by first class mail today your Doctor of Science diploma. Will you kindly acknowledge its receipt?

Very truly yours,

Luther H. Martin

Registrar

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Dear Mr. Edison:

These are the remarks made by Dr. Demarest on conferring the Degree. I thought you would like to have them to keep with the Diploma.

Let me say that the Diplomas come in the mail folded, just as you see it.

Yours very truly

Wm Halladay Wampler

June 23, 1922

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RUTGERS COLLEGE
NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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The Trustees of Rutgers College in New Jersey have directed that the honorary degree of Doctor of Science be conferred on Thomas Alva Edison, Doctor of Philosophy, Rutgers 1879, scientist, inventor, leader in industry, in this seventy fifth anniversary year of his birth, in recognition of his genius in penetrating the secrets of the electric current, in discovering the uses of it marvellously beneficial to the life of humankind, in putting into practical operation in a multitude of ways for multitudes of people the science known only to a few and adding immeasurably to the values of our modern civilization.

Souvenir letter.

THE LINCOLN SCHOOL
OF
TEACHERS COLLEGE
425 WEST 123RD STREET
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Wednesday July 26
4 p. m.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

It is very kind of you to ask me to change Saturday instead of Thursday for I should have had to leave lunch early and discourteously to get back to Columbia at 2:30 where there were 400 poor teachers waiting for me to give them some talk in exchange for their hard-earned money. It would have been a pity to cheat them out of any of their 50 minutes, and all the more the less the value of the lecture.

I will then come on Saturday July 29 taking the 9:30 from 23rd St unless I hear from you to the contrary when I tele phone you this evening. It will not be necessary for you to have me met

THE LINCOLN SCHOOL
OF
TEACHERS COLLEGE
425 WEST 123RD STREET
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

if that is inconvenient for probably I can find somebody in Orange who knows where you live

Am sorry to have put you to so much trouble telephoning. I did not like to suggest Saturday for fear that would have put you out in some plans. Mrs. Miller has kindly invited me to Pelham Sunday.

It was curious that I should have been lecturing on the phonograph and its effect on civilization on the 45th anniversary of its birth and that two persons who knew something about it at first hand, Mrs. Sloane and Mr. C. E. Goodwin, should have been in the audience, unknown to each other, and both spoke to me afterward on what I said about it

Yours truly Edwin E. Slosson

J. M. Gidding & Co.
Fifth Avenue, 56th to 57th Sts. New York

NEW YORK, September 15 192

Mr. Thomas. Edison

Orange

N.J.

REFERENCE INQUIRY.

Dear Sir:-

The applicant named desires to open a charge account with us and gives your name as reference.

We shall much appreciate such ***definite*** information as you can give us regarding responsibility and bill paying habits to enable us to judge to what extent credit may be extended.

We shall of course treat your reply in confidence and shall much appreciate your courtesy.

Very truly yours,
J. M. Gidding & Co.

Enclosed—Stamped Reply Envelope.

APPLICANT

Mrs. Percy B. Pennybecker.

Austin

Texas.

Former residence Murray Hill Ho.

Widow

SELLING HOW LONG	HIGHEST CREDIT	PAYS IN DAYS

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Day dont know
her financial standing
she was president of
Dear Mrs. Edison: Federation of
Womens Clubs & is now
Mr. Edison thinks that
this is Pres't of Chautauqua
someone that you
know. Women Club —
+ Receives a salary
He suggests that you
be very careful in your reply.
Hence from
Sincerely Mrs E
Wm Hallecowcroft

Sept. 16, 1922. (7397)

I do not know at all
Mrs. Pennypacker financial standing.
She is Pres. of the Chautauqua Womans
Club for which she receives a salary (Sec.)

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and was President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs ~~[illegible]~~ four years ago. I think it is.

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Sept. 21, 1922

J. M. Gidding & Co.
624 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your inquiry of Sept. 15th in regard to Mrs. Percy B. Pennybacker, of Austin, Tex. has been received.

I asked for information from Mrs. Edison and find that she does not know Mrs. Pennybacker's financial standing. She was President of the General Federation of Womens' Clubs and is now President of Chautauqua Womens' Club.

Yours very truly,

WHM:FTR

Assistant to Mr. Edison.

Form 1204

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EDISON LAB WESTORANGE NJ

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MINA M EDISON

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DELIVERED BY 6 P.O. Mr Clark
TELEPHONE TO
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October 12, 1922.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

The enclosed picture of Mr. Edison was taken about 2 weeks ago in the Library by the Bachrach photograph people.

They are preparing a nice print of it for you, but in the meantime I am sending the enclosed to you as I thought you would like to see it.

The story of the enclosed print is this: There will be a luncheon at the Schenectady Works next Wednesday, at which the "old timers" will meet Mr. Edison - There is to be a Menu in which this picture will be used, and Mr. Edison wrote the Greeting in advance, so that everything could be prepared. The General Electric people sent me this copy, and I give it to you.

Yours sincerely,

Wm Hilleadowcroft

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Chicago, Oct 29 1922

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

Dear Madam:

Having been given the opportunity of writing a story of Muscle Shoals for the Color section of the Chicago Herald Examiner in connection with a quotation of your Husband's concerning Muscle Shoals, I wish to use his best picture. You are the best judge of the picture that is most just to him.

May I have merely the use of it for a few days?

Sincerely, J H McCoy

No Ans

Mrs. Strauss was telling me of some bazaar where women were pushing this not knowing she was his daughter. I think it well to look into it.

Mr. Meadowcroft

They are using Mr. Edison's name in pushing real estate deals —

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1923-1925

The four selected items in this folder cover the period September 1924-September 1925. Included is a letter from longtime associate William J. Hammer congratulating the Edisons on the engagement of their son Theodore and commenting on the Paris Universal Exposition of 1889. Also included is a draft letter from Mina Edison to Frank W. Collier of American University thanking him for his appreciative remarks about her father Lewis Miller and his contributions to the Chautauqua movement. A letter from John V. Miller to Farnham Yardley, Edison's neighbor in Llewellyn Park and member of the Park's Board of Managers, requests a permit for a sewer connection at Glenmont.

Mrs. T.A. Edison
Re: Sewer Connection

September 22, 1924

Mr. Farnham Yardley,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N.J.

Re: Sewer Connection - Mrs. Edison's home

Dear Mr. Yardley:

I am told by Mr. Warnick that you issue permits for opening roads in the park for various purposes.

Mrs. Edison is very anxious to connect an overflow from the deep well pump to the sewer and we, therefore, wish to make a connection in the manhole located between Mrs. Edison's house and Mr. Cox's house, i.e. across Linden Avenue.

Will you kindly therefore send us this permit which Mrs. Edison will appreciate very much ?

We are sending you a duplicate copy of this letter so if desirable you can approve the letter and return to us and we will send it to the proper local authorities.

Very truly yours,

JVH/cs

February 25, 1925.

Mr. Clarence W. Rowley,
#622 Colonial Bldg.,
#100 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rowley:

Mr. Edison has sent up from Florida a memorandum, asking me to say to you that he received your very interesting letter of February 16, and was very glad indeed to hear from you. He also wishes me to extend his thanks for your congratulations and good wishes on his birthday. He appreciates your pleasant remembrance of that occasion.

He also wishes me to tell you that he has the picture hung up in his house, and it often brings back to him pleasant recollections.

Yours very truly,

Assistant to Mr. Edison.

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TELEPHONE, SPRING 8456

WILLIAM J. HAMMER
CONSULTING ELECTRICAL ENGINEER
103 WAVERLY PLACE
NEW YORK

Dorman letters

March 14th 1925

Mrs Thomas A. Edison.
Fort-Myers
Florida.

Mr received this morning thank him for same - Return letter & photo when I visit by & by later!

My dear Mrs Edison.

I am sending you under separate cover two things, one is a box of tiny toys which you may care to give to some of the Florida "Crackers" in the hospital or elsewhere.

The other thing is a photo copy of the fine letter Mr Edison wrote to Consul Bronzet of the French Govt. (enclosed in a cardboard tube)

I know that you like to keep things re' to Mr Edison & his work & I thought that you might care for this copy, if not tear it up

Mr Bronzet said to me, "Oh Mayor Hammer I did not want to send that letter to France, I wanted that letter of Mr Edison's for myself" & I replied "I knew that you did so I took the original down town & had a photo copy of it made which is the next best thing to the original"

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3/ I was in his Consulate recently to secure my Diploma which had not been received at the time I was given his Cross of the Legion of Honor + Mr Bourget said that he had sent the photograph copy of Mr Edison's letter to France + asked the Government to file it amongst archives + return the original copy to him, but he said he feared that some one might have stolen it + I said that is probably what happened to Mr Edison's original letter which he wrote in 1889 when he was at at Paris.

Mr Edison told me in 1889 that he felt if anyone at his Expo deserved recognition I did + I said I would not raise my hand to get it, that I had never asked for nor sought an honor in my life, + he said I was wrong that such things were valuable + useful + that he was going to see that I received it + he wrote fine letter the original of which (in fact) I still have) + sent it to Commissioner General Berger of his Expo. + I was nothing

TELEPHONE, SPRING 8456

WILLIAM J. HAMMER
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103 WAVERLY PLACE
NEW YORK

I was heard in reply, Mr Edison spoke to Mr Harges his partner, just before he left for his W. I. & when we were all waiting his home Mr Harges said he would get at the bottom of his mailing & later learned that Mr Edison's letter had never been received.

I never did anything further until Consul Bronzet urged me to secure a letter from Mr Edison, assuring me that I was entitled to his decoration & through his kindly cooperation of Mr Edison & Consul Bronzet I have recently (Feb 10-25) received this great honor.

It was a mighty fine thing for Mr Edison to do & I appreciate his letter as much as I do his decoration.

Mabel pinned it first on her Dog unofficially & being stood to quit it back till I was given to me officially by Consul Bronzet at his Army & Navy Club at his meeting of his Nile Order of the World's War; to which I belong, & I have just mailed you an account published in their Nat: Bulletin, & this is the only account of any value, the daily press notices were poor & inaccurate.

TELEPHONE, SPRING 8456

WILLIAM J. HAMMER
CONSULTING ELECTRICAL ENGINEER
103 WAVERLY PLACE
NEW YORK

4/ When I saw Consul Brown & the new Consul General of France recently they both spoke of their admiration for your wonderful husband & said that they would rather meet him than anyone & I told them that you all had gone to Florida but perhaps some day after you had returned we might run over to the laboratory & meet Mr Edison personally & they expressed a great desire to do so, (but Brown see that they took up very little of his time)

Personally I consider Thomas A. Edison and Mr Burbank of Cal, the World's two most useful men, they certainly "have made many blades of grass grow where none grew before"

In conclusion permit me to extend my hearty felicitations upon your son Theodore's engagement & approaching marriage & to send my kindest regards to yourself & Mr Edison Very sincerely.

W. J. Hammer

GLENMONT, LLEWELLYN PARK
WEST ORANGE Sept. 7-1925

Mr. Frank W. Collier
American University
Washington, D.C.

My dear Collier.

Nothing that could have come to me would have been more gratifying than your expression of appreciation of a most deserving factor. I, we all thank you for what you have done far more than we can express in writing.

Mr. Edison has always said,

"dont worry, your father will get justice in the end"; for, as you say, the answer to the question as to the founder of Chautauqua, has been repeatedly, "Bishop Vincent".
Thank you again for your able assistance in rectifying a false impression.

Would it be permissable, after ~~possible~~, to have the Boston Transcript with father's likeness, printed in such form as to make it easy for the family to insert it in back of his or her book - It would enhance the value of the book immeasurably

Would it be permissible for me to have copies made of your article in such form that each member of the family could insert one in his or her book? It would make the volume all the more valuable to us.

With sincere appreciation of your kindness - Yours ~~Sincerely~~ Mina M. Ellison

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1926

This folder contains correspondence from 1926. Most of the selected documents are by landscape architect Ellen Shipman and relate to the construction of a skating pond and other improvements at Glenmont, the Edison home in Llewellyn Park. Some of the letters refer to the illness of Charles Edison, which led to the postponement of the landscaping work. Also included is a letter concerning the presentation of a copy of Rebekah Crawford's *Collection of Musical Subjects* to the Edison grandchildren.

ARTHUR WILLIAMS
IRVING PLACE AND FIFTEENTH STREET
NEW YORK

Will you try to find this for me.

September 1 1926

Miss Katharine Righter
Secretary to Mrs Thomas A Edison
Llewellyn Park
West Orange New Jersey

Dear Madam

In Mr Arthur Williams' absence in Europe permit me to acknowledge your letter of August 29th inquiring about the package forwarded to "Mr Edison's Grandchildren"

The latter part of July Miss Rebecca Crawford wrote to us saying that she would be glad to present to Mr Edison's grandchildren, if it were thought of interest, a copy of her "Collection of Musical Subjects"

Miss Crawford, according to her own statement, has spent the greater part of her life along musical lines teaching and writing books; evidently the material is a collection of works and manuscripts covering some period of years. It is a matter of regret that I cannot tell you just what it was because the package was received at this office addressed to Mr Thomas Edison's grandchildren, care of Mr Arthur Williams, and it was, therefore, forwarded without being opened to Mr Meadowcroft, who was at that time about to leave on his vacation. Telephone word was also given to Mr Meadowcroft about the package and I suggest that you inquire from him as the best source

Truly yours

William S McCure

Secretary

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Oct 6 1926

Mrs Edison

Re Skating Pond –

I would like to remind you, in making any agreement with Landscape People, to particularly set before them the amount of water you have available (2) the question of the expansion of the ice –

We have been warned against this ice expansion and the banks must be strongly reinforced or gently sloping to allow the ice to slip –

I should imagine from the pictures of the Cleveland pond no allowance was made for

ice expansion. Possibly they drain it in the winter –

It would certainly be a shame to spend 1 2 or 3000 more and then not have the bottom & sides tight –

Am writing this so that you can particularly discuss with Mrs. Stifman and have her guarantee her work against cracking sides etc.

John –

ELLEN SHIPMAN,
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT,
21, BEEKMAN PLACE (EAST 50TH STREET),
NEW YORK.

TELEPHONE:
PLAZA, 1712.

SUMMER OFFICE
CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

November 16, 1926

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I have received the note from your secretary, saying that you have not been able to find the plan, which I understand is the grade plan and layout of the whole place, and that you would like to have one made. She asked me to let you know before I go out to do this.

It is necessary that I have an Engineer make such a plan, and I would not need to go out to the place with him, but after receiving it I would go out and look over the land to see if my ideas as to placements of roads, and the division of property, were right before completing the layout plan.

I will send you an estimate for the cost of the Engineer's plan before having it made.

Very sincerely yours,

Ellen Shipman

ELLEN SHIPMAN,
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT,
21, BEEKMAN PLACE (EAST 50TH STREET),
NEW YORK.

TELEPHONE:
PLAZA, 1712.

SUMMER OFFICE
CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

November 29, 1926

Going to illness of one son it will be impossible to follow up anything just now. Will let you know later.

File for later attention

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Lewellyn Park,
West Orange, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I sent the surveyor out to your place but no one could tell him just what you wished. I will be glad to make arrangements for him to go out again, and in case you are not there, could you explain to your Superintendent what is wanted. You remember we talked of a plan for the whole place and also spoke of the sketch plan just around your own house. If you will let me know whether you wish the whole place surveyed or the section for your own garden, I will then know just what to tell the Engineer, so that he can give me an estimate of the cost.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Engineer's letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Ellen Shipman

ELLEN SHIPMAN,
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT,
21, BEEKMAN PLACE (EAST 50TH STREET),
NEW YORK.

TELEPHONE:
PLAZA, 1712.

SUMMER OFFICE
CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

December 3rd, 1926

file with these letters

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
West Orange, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:-

We are sorry to learn from your secretary's letter of your son's illness, and hope sincerely that his speedy recovery will soon relieve you of this anxiety. We quite understand that in the meantime, you are not interested in continuing the work on your garden, and will be very glad to go on with it when you advise us to that effect.

Yours very sincerely,

ELLEN SHIPMAN

Per Phyllis Cumberland.
Secretary

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1927-1928

The four selected documents in this folder cover the period January-July 1927. Included is a telegram by Charles Edison, sent to his mother while he was visiting his ailing sister-in-law, Marion Edison Oeser, in Norwalk, Connecticut. The other three letters relate to improvements and insurance at Glenmont, the Edison home in Llewellyn Park, New Jersey.

January 15, 1927.

William Neill & Sons, Inc.,
47 Orange Road,
Montclair, N. J.

RE: Pond at Mrs. Edison's Residence,
Your letter of January 13th.

Mr. Neill:

We regret very much the dispute that has arisen in connection with the lily and skating pond of Mrs. Edison.

Early in the fall we had this matter up with Mr. Pentecost. He later informed us that he had taken the matter up with you and explained Mrs. Edison's position in the matter and gave us to understand that you were willing to drop your idea of claiming any further payment on account of this work.

Mrs. Edison does not feel that she is obligated to pay any more on account of your bills as she and the rest of the family thoroughly believe that the pond is not at all satisfactory or fills the terms of the contract with you.

In the contract which was made up by Mr. Pentecost, as engineer, and signed by you and Mrs. Edison:-

Item "D" calls for "Careful testing of bottom and if soft and yielding said material to be removed and refilled with gravel or other hard material." We do not believe sufficient care was exercised in making these tests, nor that the proper excavation and refilling was done.

Item "E" - "When bottom of pond has been thus prepared a six inch layer of clean clay s all be applied thereon and thoroughly puddled until water tight." We believe that the principal trouble arises out of the use of so-called clay from the field at Mrs. Edison's residence. This was not "clean" clay as same contained considerable stone and also sand.

"The contractor agrees to do all of the above work to the satisfaction of the Landscape Architects, Pentecost & Martin, Inc. - xxxx"

Mr. Pentecost has told us that he is not satisfied with the results; that the work was not done in accordance with the contract; and that he has not approved and does not propose to approve the payment of the balance, now in question.

Now during the summer of 1926, the writer had several talks with you by 'phone and direct and explained the situation, and that Mrs. Edison was absolutely dissatisfied with the pond. Finally, in a conference with you in your office in Montclair, you stated that you were willing and anxious to call the job "quits." It was accordingly understood that the entire matter was closed, both by you and Mrs. Edison. You further stated that you had lost money on the job and further effort on your part would mean just so much more loss and you were ready to consider the matter closedand "quits."

I informed Mrs. Edison of this understanding with you, namely, that you would not go to any further expense to redeem the pond and the job was ended, and considered "quits," by which Mrs. Edison and myself both understood you were glad to be freed from any further work and the account closed and you would write off your loss.

We certainly trust you understand Mrs. Edison's position and that the pond has never held water and is absolutely unsatisfactory - and you will consider the matter closed.

With the kindest personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

J. V. Miller.

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W E Paper
3 Chm.
Mr F.M.
Miller

William Mill & Sons, Inc —
47 Orange Road
Montclair, N.J.

Mr. Mill

Re/ Pond at Mrs. Edison's Residence
Your letter of Jan. 12th.

We regret very much ~~that there is a mis-~~ the dispute that ~~understanding apparently~~ has arisen ~~on the payment of your account with Mrs. Edison~~ in connection with the lily and skating pond of Mrs. Edison — ~~We appreciate the effort you made to render this pond satisfactory and regret that the ~~result~~ final result was so poor~~ —

Early in the Fall we ~~talked~~ had this matter with Mr. Pentecost in regard to ~~the matter of payment of the balance of your account and~~ later, he informed us that he had taken the matter up with you & explained Mrs. Edison's position in the matter and gave us to understand that you were willing to drop your idea of ~~collecting the balance~~ claiming any further payment on account of this work

Mrs. Edison does not feel that she is obligated ~~is very strongly opposed~~ to pay ~~ing~~ any more on account of your bills as she and the rest of the family thoroughly

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

believe that the pond is not at all satisfactory or fills the terms of the contract with you. –

~~Our position is as follows:~~

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Item "D" Calls for "careful testing of bottom & if soft and yielding said material to be removed & refilled with gravel or other hard material."

We do not believe sufficient care was exercised in making these tests, nor that the proper excavation & refilling was done –

Item "E" "When bottom of pond has been thus prepared a six inch layer of clean clay shall be applied thereon & thoroughly puddled until water tight."

We believe that the principle trouble arises out of the use of so called clay from the field at Mrs. Edison's residence. This was not "clean" ~~[illegible]~~ clay as same contained considerable stone and also ~~stone~~ sand. – ~~Had not pure clay been used as specified and actually puddled as directed by Mr. Penticost the success of the pond would have been~~

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

~~accused.~~ Mr. Pentecost has stated several times that ponds constructed in the manner filled water & have proven satisfactory —

"The contractor agrees to do all of the above work to the satisfaction of the Landscape Architects, Pentecost & Martin, Inc. — xxxx"

Mr. Pentecost has told us that he is not satisfied with the results; that the work was not done ~~according to his instructions~~ in accordance with the contract; and that he has not approved and does not propose to approve the payment of the balance, now in question —

Furthermore you are well aware of the long delay in the construction of the pond at the outlet and the non completion of same before winter set in in 1925. Due to this fact and that the bottom was by no means water tight and the sides not completed, the pond was absolutely useless. —

There in the spring there was still further & extensive delay in getting a real good grade of clay, with which you attempted to reduce the pond & make it tight —

The new tidump of the ground under the original so called clay, was made and so numerous holes developed thru the clay & bottom allowing the water to leak away & making the pond not only useless for retaining water but an unsightly spot on Mrs. Edison's estate. 1926

Now during the summer, the writer had several talks with you by phone and directly and explained the situation and that Mr. Edison was absolutely dissatisfied with the pond — Finally ~~at~~ in a conference with you in your office in Montclair you stated that you were willing

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and anxious to call the job "quits" ~~and I so informed you that Mr. Edison refused to ask you or even allow you to make any more attempts to redeem the pond~~. It was accordingly understood that this entire matter was closed both by you and Mr. Edison. You further stated that you had lost money on the job and further effort on your part would mean just so much more loss and you were ready to consider the matter closed + "quits".

I informed Mr. Edison of this understanding with you - namely that you would not go to any further expense to redeem the pond and the job was ended, and considered "quits" by which Mr. Edison and myself both understood you were glad to be freed from any further work and the account closed and you would write off your loss. —

I certainly trust you understand Mr. Edison's position and that the pond has never held water and is absolutely unsatisfactory - and ~~I am trust that~~ you will consider the matter closed.

With the kindest ~~[illegible]~~ personal regards I remain Yours sincerely

J. U. M.

January 22, 1927.

William Neill & Son,
47 Orange Road,
Montclair, N. J.

RE: Pond at Residence of Mrs.
Thomas A. Edison. Your Letter 1/17.

Gentlemen:

We were indeed glad to receive your letter of January 17, and to note that you have prevented, by your decision any further trouble or dispute over the account with Mrs. Thomas A. Edison. We appreciate your action in the matter and accept your condition, and have sent you a check for the $35.00, covering the man-hole cover.

Letter was to accompany this check, but thru a slip up, the check was sent out without the letter.

We are very sorry that the pond did not prove satisfactory in every way and that there was so much trouble over it.

With the very kindest personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

J. V. Miller.

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Edison, T.A. – Family – Marion

Day letter 1927 to mother.

Sent 4.35 P.M. Sunday Feb 20/27

Carolyn & I visited Marion yesterday at Norwalk Hospital. Dr. Tracy of Norwalk apparently competent but will have Dr Parker check up on situation too & if any complications develope will have Dr Blake or other specialist called in. Nothing to worry about so far – Marion comfortable & getting every attention possible.
Everything else rambling along beautifully
Love.

Charles.

File
Mr. E —

OWENS & PHILLIPS INC.
INSURANCE
130 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK
TELEPHONE BEEKMAN 4308
GLENMONT

WDO/ED

July 14th, 1927.

Thos.A.Edison, Inc.,
Orange, N.J.

Attention of Mr.A.W.James.

Gentlemen:-

IN RE:MINA M.EDISON, DWELLING, LLEWELLYN PARK, W.O.

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 12th inst., enclosing memo of July 11th in reference to the question of private hydrants on above assureds property, and in reply to the question raised as to whether or not the discontinuance of the two private hydrants in service will have any effect on the existing insurance rate of this property or the policies in force, we are pleased to state that our answer is "No".

In the first place protective rates are enjoyed only as the result of risks being located under the protection of public water and fire departments and as this risk comes properly within the zone of protection no additional allowance is made for the private auxiliary hydrants.

The only recommendation that our office can make relative to the retention of these 2" hydrants is that they be turned over to the authorities of West Orange as part of the West Orange water system. This would then eliminate the necessity of meter connections entirely. The writer believes however that if they are willing to accept these hydrants they no doubt would desire to make some charge for supervision, as all fire hydrants or public water mains must be subject to constant checking in order to assure of their being in service.

For your own information, at the present time the risk in question is enjoying a rate which was made prior to the adoption of the present rating Laws for the State of New Jersey. Dwellings having a value in excess of $50,000. under the present rules are subject to a specific co-insurance rate and our experience has been that an increase

has resulted rather than a reduction where schedules are applied.

The writer will be in Orange next week to go over this matter thoroughly with you.

Believing you will find the above in order, we remain,

Very truly yours,

W O Clows

President.

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1929

This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1929, along with undated items that were probably generated in 1929. Included are numerous letters from John V. Miller to his sister Mina Edison, written while she was vacationing in Florida from mid-January until mid-June. The letters report on maintenance activities at Glenmont, the health of the service staff, the final illness and death of servant Anna Tagg, the annual Edison Pioneers dinner, and other matters. There are also comments by Miller about the health of Mina's daughter Madeleine Edison Sloane, who underwent gall bladder surgery in May, and her six-year-old grandson Peter Sloane, whose planned visit to Fort Myers had to be canceled because of the chicken pox. In addition, there are references to the Golden Jubilee of the electric light—a five-month-long celebration that began with the National Electric Light Association convention in early June and ended with a ceremony at the Henry Ford Museum in late October. A letter by Minnesota attorney John J. McCaughey, whose wife was the granddaughter of Edison's uncle Harry, provides genealogical information about Edison family. Other correspondents include photographer Charles James Fox, D. W. Hayes of the Port Huron Rotary Club, Chinese aviator Tien Lai Huang, John E. Lambie of the Lambie Concrete House Corp., and Elga Ludwig, wife of author Emil Ludwig.

January 23, 1929.

Miss Lucy D. Bogue,
130 West 42nd Street,
New York City.

My dear Lucy:

Mina has sent to me your circular letter of January 15th asking permission to use Mr. Edison's and her names for the honorary committee in connection with the Royal Belgian Guards tour. She says that it is O. K. for you to do so.

Hope that you are meeting with the greatest success in this undertaking. I am glad to note that the Band is to appear here in Orange, and would like to know if you have settled on a date.

Letters from Mina say that everything was fine down in Florida on their arrival and that she is taking a two weeks absolute rest before entering into the whirlwind of activities, and that the place looks very nice - evidently better than she anticipated. All out here are well and hope you are having a grand time in New York and are able to enjoy a little leisure, and with best regards, remain,

Yours most sincerely,

January
twenty-ninth
1929

Mr. F. Durand Taylor,
191 Midland Avenue,
East Orange, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Edison has requested the writer to send you the enclosed check for one ticket to the Celebration of the Inauguration of Herbert Hoover for Monday evening, March 4, 1929, and has further asked that we inform you that it is agreeable to them to use their names as patron and patroness.

Yours very truly,

J. V. Miller
For Mrs. Thomas A. Edison.

Ediphoned-C

February
eighth
1929

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers,
Florida.

Dear Mrs. Edison: Re. Glenmont.

1, Scarth:

Have had Scarth examined by Dr. George Alcott who has taken blood cultures, etc., and is to report in a day or two recommendations. Just saw the Doctor this noon and he tells me that possibly tomorrow he will be able to give us a report. Scarth seems to be fairly well, except for this trouble on his head.

2, Plumbing and steamfitting in house. The Plant Service Department are going ahead with the hot water system in your end of the house. Also they are going ahead with the other jobs, such as the radiator in Jack's room, etc.

3. Mr. Knowles has not yet returned, but today I received a letter from him from California. I am answering him, giving him the various items which you gave and listed for this attention. Mr. Knowles will write me relative to same.

4. Greenhouse - wood framework. The other day I was at the house and noticed that the woodwork around the greenhouse is pretty much free of paint, and I believe that all the woodwork on the outside, at least, should be painted. You know in the "U" bars which forms a steel framework of the roofs, there are strips of wood. These should be kept painted as otherwise I am afraid they will gradually rot away, loosen the glass, etc. You might consider this and if you think it should be painted, I can get estimates.

Sheet #2,
Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers, Fla.
February 8, 1929.

5. Cow Barn. You will remember we were submitted a price for fixing up the cow barn last year, but nothing was done. Do you want to have the roofs, etc. fixed up?

In general, things are going along pretty well up here. Charles is highly elated over the success of his Splitdorf meeting and everything seems to be going along smoothly and well, as far as the work is concerned.

With much love.

Yours very affectionately,

Ediphoned
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February 12, 1929.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers, Fla.

Re Scarth

Dear Mina:

Have just seen Dr. Wakeley about Scarth. He says that his general health now is good, that the trouble on his face is healing nicely and he sees no reason why Scarth should not go to Florida the latter part of this week or at least Monday. Dr. Alcott is preparing a vaccine which will be used twice before Scarth's departure. The doctor thinks this will hasten the healing and that Scarth should have no further trouble.

I also saw Dr. Alcott and, as told you, he made tests of his blood and took a culture of the sore on his face. He can find no real trouble and thinks that Scarth is well able to go ahead with his work.

Personally Scarth seems to be in good shape now, has considerable pep, his color is good and his average energy is fast returning. He is very anxious to go and realizes that he cannot hold out any longer this way and must get busy. Unless we hear to the contrary, he will start next Monday, or Saturday if conditions are O. K.

The Pioneers' dinner went off in fine shape yesterday noon. Charles and Carolyn, Edith, Mary Ann, Marion, Tom, Beatrice and myself were present. Mr. Adams made a very fine address, also, Mr. Palmer submitted a fine resolution, which is to be sent you. In the evening the foremen had their dinner and had two radios. We heard the broadcasting. Charles' speech came through fine, and also Mr. Edison's. He seemed to be in fine fettle. According to the papers, you had a grand day and we are certainly glad that everything went off so beautifully.

With much love,

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Day Letter ☒

Via WU

Company

Date 3/9/29 192

Time 10:30

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Fort Myers, Fla.

Charles and Carolyn left this morning according to plan. Peter not with them as he has Chicken Pox. Charles wants you to be sure to arrange for sun and water and fish to be in the river. Much love.

John.

3/9.29

WU

Mrs. T. A. Edison, Ft. Myers, Fla.

TAE Private

John

April
nineteenth
1929

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers,
Florida.

Dear Mina:

Received your telegram late yesterday afternoon asking for your photograph. I was at home, feeling a little under the weather, but got the word and tried to find Edith but she was out. In the evening we went up to the house to locate the photograph and found one which is a poor likeness, but the only one that seemed to be a picture of yourself alone, and connected with the D.A.R.

I brought this with me this morning and they are having a half tone wood cut made of it and if at all possible, it will be sent off to you by air mail tonight. Hope it is the picture that you want.

It is very fine that the women are getting out a complete edition of the Tropical News and no doubt it will be a grand success. However, it is an added amount of worry to you and I think you have enough already, so why continue to keep up this terrible mad rush. What you want is some rest, and why don't you take things easy.

In regard to Madelein's operation, I don't believe there is anything absolutely definite about it yet. She is going to New York on Monday, I believe, again to see the Doctor over there for a further examination. I certainly hope that the operation will not be necessary.

Everything up here has cleared up quite a bit, as today for the first time in about a week and a half or more, the sun is out and the skies are blue. It is quite cold yet, however. One great advantage of this cold weather up here is that you undoubtedly are having cooler weather. Certainly hope so.

Trusting that this photograph is all O.K., and regretting that it is not a much better one, remain

Yours affectionately,

Ediphoned-C

April
twenty-fourth
1929

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers,
Florida.

Dear Mina:

Received your telegram about flowers for Theodore and have arranged for same. Certainly glad to note that the weather is good down there and everything is going along nicely.

In answer to your questions about Anna and the others, would say that Florence saw Anna a few days ago and found her sitting up and apparently fairly well. She is sustained a good deal by drugs, which alleviate the pain. I saw Mary this morning and asked her the latest news from Anna, and she said that she was in a couple of days ago and found her in bed again and in a very weak condition. Last night we met the specialist, Dr. Egleton, of Newark, and he said that Anna will never get around again and it is only a matter of time when she will go. It might be any moment.

In regard to Scarth, would say that he is working regularly here at the Laboratory and seems to be O.K. He has good pep and is doing good work, and on the job regularly.

In regard to Lena, would say that a while ago I saw her and she seemed to be O.K. and getting along fairly well under the circumstances.

Certainly glad to know that the photograph was the one you wanted and that your edition of the paper was a grand success.

Everybody up here ~~is~~ about as usual. Saw Madelein yesterday, and she seems to be getting along fairly well, but is very anxious to have the examination completed and some definite decision made. She

seemed tired, but is taking things extremely easy.

Things at the house are getting along first rate. Mrs. Renner has her men working in the living room now touching up the bad spots. Men have been on the lawn for a couple of days, and in general everything is O.K. We are anxiously waiting to hear from you in regard to the books about which I sent you along a list and letter.

With much love, remain

Yours very affectionately,

Tagg, Anna

May 3, 1929.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers, Fla.

Dear Mina:

Just received word through Mary that Anna Tagg died this afternoon at 1:00 o'clock at the Nursing Home in Orange. I believe that everything is being done for her that is possible by her sister and neices, who have taken good care of her and visited her very frequently. We, of course, will arrange to send some flowers. Her passing away is as expected for some time past, as the doctors all said there was no hope for her and that it was just a matter of minutes or days when she would succumb.

I want to remind you that some days ago we sent you a letter giving prices on two types of stair treads for the back stairs, and that we are awaiting your decision before letting Mr. Knowles know what to do.

We are certainly glad to know that Mr. Edison has met with such wonderful success in vulcanizing the rubber, and we take it that not only has he found the proper raw material but also has proper process to recover the actual rubber.

The weather up here is something terrific, raining every other day at least, and, also, it is quite cold, all of which is probably very good as, undoubtedly, it is accompanied by cool weather down there for you people.

With lots of love, I remain,

Yours affectionately,

JVM/IWW

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FUNCTION Thomas A. Edison, Private

MEMORANDUM NO.

DATE May 4, 1929

EFFECTIVE

FROM— J. V. Miller

TO— Mr. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers, Fla.

SUBJECT

Dear Mr. Edison:

You are probably already aware that a very urgent invitation has been sent you to be present at the beginning of the Light Festival Proceedings at Atlantic City, June 3 to 7. The National Electric Light Association has been advised that you will not return from Florida until the middle of June, and it will be absolutely impossible for you to be present. We, of course, assume that this is what you want to say to them.

Also, in connection with your financial affairs, would say that an audit has been made by Joe Wilson, our Auditor, and he found everything in satisfactory condition. We would send you his full report but think that you would not take the time to look it over and are, therefore, holding it until your return. We trust that this is satisfactory to you.

The report of Joe Wilson is practically in accordance with the budget which the writer submitted to you some time previously.

J. V. Miller.

Ediphoned-C

COPIES TO

May 9, 1929.

Mrs. May Z. Fine,
33 West 42nd Street,
New York City.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 4th to Mrs. Edison, on the subject of "Americanism", was received by her at Fort Myers, Florida, and forwarded to me for reply.

She wishes me to write you that she feels that President Hoover is taking steps to correct the evil to which you refer and is doing constructive work, and she feels that he should be given time to work it out.

Yours very truly,

IWW

Secretary

Aug. 16.

Mrs Thomas A Edison

My dear Mrs Edison;

Mr Sieb called me up yesterday saying that he had been out to see you the day before and was not able to get over to see the portrait with you as Mr Edison was not well that afternoon.

I do hope that Mr Edison is feeling much better now.

Mrs Hopper & I kept the studio open all afternoon and I was sorry when I heard of the reason why you could not come.

when the portrait was at your home you expressed a kindly desire for the possession of it and asked me the price which I did not know at the time. Also I did not feel that I wanted to act the role of salesman.

Mr Sulan asked me eighteen months ago for the permission to paint the portrait from my photograph. I felt that he could and from the unanimous approval of all that have seen it and know Mr Edison, he has justified his efforts. I feel myself that it is a sincere work of art and a beautiful human document

of the real man, Mr Edison.

I suggested that Mr Sulzer see you, himself as to the value of this portrait, but Mr Sulz feels that you do not know him as well as myself and suggests that I do the negotiating. He says that I started this thing which is really not true, for I have not been the aggressor in the matter.

When the portrait was finished I asked Mr Sulz if he would kindly look at it which he did, and in his enthusiasm had it taken over to his office & shown to the prominent men of the concern.

from that time on it has swept right up in absolute approval.

Then Mrs Hoppen asked if it might be kept at her studio and also received your permission to show it to a few people. Everything has been all right so far except that the one or two of the newspapers got wind of it and published an embarrassing article about it. I had nothing to do with the papers and never do, for they are like a hungry pack of wolves. One of them asked me for permission to photograph it, and I told them under no consideration could they copy it

for I had an iron bound copyright on it and I stood for its protection.

So you see my situation in the matter.

Mr Sulan is waiting for the pleasure of your decision in the matter of the portrait and would like to know soon if he is to leave it here in Orange. If not he will take it back to New York. He spoke of a possibility of exhibiting it in one of the galleries there.

If you care to see Mr Sulan or would rather have me come over to talk matters over with you I shall try to handle the matter the best way I know how.

I dont want any embarassment in the matter and I shall always stand ready to do what I can in any way to help matters.

Sincerely

Charles James Fox

485 Highland Ave
Orange N.J.
Telephone Orange 4156

My dear Mr. Lieb.

Mr. Fox has been here and said they wanted $7500 for portrait. I said that we thought it too much. I dont know what he is doing about it but he said that he would take it up with Mr. Lubin.

Mr. Edison is quite a little better today. Hope that you are not doing too much and are getting an appetite. We both send our best greetings to you & Mrs. Lieb.

Sincerely
Mina M. Edison.

Send this letter.

Friend Falconer

August 23, 1929.

My dear Mr. Lieb:

Mr. Fox has been here and said that they wanted $7,500 for the portrait. I told him that we thought it too much. I do not know what he is doing but he said he would take it up with Mr. Lubin.

Mr. Edison is quite a little better today.

Hope that you are not doing too much, and that you are getting an appetite.

We both send our best greetings to you and Mrs. Lieb.

Sincerely,

Mr. John W. Lieb,
N.Y. Edison's,
New York City.

33 West 34th St., New York,
October 14th, 1929.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I am taking the liberty of sending you some Chinese tea, in the hope that you may acquire a taste for it and thus form a link with my country. One of the teas is known as Jasmine and the other Oolong - Jasmine, meaning purity, and Oolong, the dragon, meaning power.

The full flavor of these Celestial brews can only be appreciated when they are surrounded by a Chinese atmosphere and served with Chinese ceremony in the "Middle Kingdom". May I be able to so offer them to you at some time. In the meantime, as a poor substitute, will you give me the pleasure of your presence at a Chinese dinner at any time which is convenient for you, bringing with you such members of your family as would care to accompany you. Chopsticks are not imperative.

I shall look forward with pleasure to seeing you and Mr. Edison in Dearborn on the 21st.

Very sincerely yours,

Tien Lai Huang

黃天來

I heard you when in China from some one and you will be glad to hear this in your native language

黃天來

Friend

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October 18, 1929.

Mr. Tien Lai Huang,
33 West 34th Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Huang:

It was most kind of you to send me the Chinese tea, and I thank you for doing so.

After our return from Dearborn, we shall be pleased to visit you in the Chinese atmosphere and taste the tea as it is brewed there.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs. Thomas A.)

J. J. McCAUGHEY

M. C. McCAUGHEY

McCAUGHEY & McCAUGHEY
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
KASSON, MINN.

October 26, 1929

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

You will kindly pardon our seeming neglect in expressing to you and to Mr. Edison our appreciation of the good time shown us at your home on July 4th, but I have been so engaged since returning home that I just did not seem to have a favorable opportunity to write you.

We both greatly enjoyed our visit with you and Mr. Edison and will carry with us the rest of our lives a mental picture of Mr. Edison shooting fire crackers under the spreading tree on your beautiful lawn and explaining to us in such an interesting way his experiments in rubber.

You will recall, Mrs. Edison that in the discussion concerning the Edison family tree that Mr. Edison evidenced a desire to ascertain, if possible, the member of his father's family who lived on the side of the hill, and we promised him that upon our return home through Canada we would endeavor to obtain the information for him if possible. At Vienna we visited several members of the family and the best information we could obtain was to the effect that Captain Samuel Edison who came to Vienna in 1812 had thirteen children, namely, George, Marcelle, Show, Thomas, David, Mrs. Secord, Harry, Samuel, Simeon, Mayland, Jane, Ford and Oscar. Mrs. McCaughey's branch were the offspring of Harry and were Marcellus, Stephen, William, Thomas, Charles, Rachel, Debbie and George. Inez's father was William. I wish you would say to Mr. Edison that it was the concensus of opinion that it was Thomas who lived on the side of the hill that he could not recall. At first they thought perhaps it was Mayland, but after some discussion they came to the conclusion that it was Thomas.

Since our return home we have both regretted exceedingly the fact that we did not have a Camera with us and obtain a picture of Mr. Edison sitting under the tree explaining to Mrs. McCaughey just how the pelican swallowed the herring at Miami. Should you have some extra recent pictures of yourself and Mr. Edison, the family would greatly appreciate some, Mrs. Edison.

Again assuring you of our appreciation of the splendid time shown us, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

J. J. McCaughey

J:K

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Belle Marion Page (Ristine) b. Erie City, Ohio (1855-1917)
Intered, Cleveland, Ohio.

Marion Wallace Edison (Page) b. Vienna,Can. (1831-1900 M. 1850)
Intered, Milan, Ohio.

Nancy Mathews Elliott (Edison) (1810- ? M. 1829 @ Vienna,Can.) Intered, Port Huron.)

Samuel Edison (1804-1897) Intered, Port Huron.)

Mercy Peckham - Ebenezer Mathews Elliott (? - 1843 In Revolution) (b. Seneca Lake, N. Y. (d. Vienna, Canada)
(M. Stonington Conn.)

Children of Samuel & Nancy M. E. Edison
- Marion Wallace Edison Page (Int. Milan,O.)
- Harriet Ann ("Tannie") Edison Bailey (Int. Port Huron)
- William Pitt Edison " " "
- Samuel Edison, Jr. (Died in Childhood) (Int. Milan, O.)
- Carlisle Edison " " " " "
- Eliza Edison " " " " "
- Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931)

Children of Mercy Peckham & Ebenezer Mathews Elliott
- Isaac
- Stephen (Methodist Minister)
- Elizabeth
- John (Baptist Minister)
- *Nancy
- Fanny

Samuel Edison, b. Digby, Nova Scotia (1804-1897) (Int. Port Huron.)

John Edison (Loyalist) b. Colonies (1750-1852) d. Vienna, Can.

Thomas Edison (Continental)

Ebenezer Mathews Elliott - Mercy Peckham

*Nancy Elliott Edison

Elizabeth - Winslow Balcom

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William Wadsworth Nancy Balcom

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November 18, 1929.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Glenmont, Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I was glad to learn from yours of the 16th that the photos arrived O.K., after the previous two lots being lost.

I feel and know in my heart that Mr. Edison is seriously interested in this great work and will share my own convictions that the work shall live and finally triumph and prosper even in spite of the many vicissitudes through which it has passed.

For nearly ten long years I have given unstintingly of my life and fortune to this work, with sincere desire to know the truth about it, and I can sympathize keenly with Mr. Edison, who gave us the original conception and worked so hard with only the crude tools available in the early days.

I am convinced the principle of the thing is absolutely sound, but like all great and revolutionary movements, required a close-up working out of a thousand details, like bringing together the thousands of little wires in a generator in correct position and relation to each other to make the thing function properly.

Now I am sure we are able to give the world a product superior in quality to all other materials and more beautiful too in its grand simplicity and purity of design, embellished in good taste and finished with due and practical regard to the requirements of the human family.

I feel this work has never received the hearty support it deserves from the profession or the producers of materials necessary to its existence, while on the contrary there has been much selfish pressure exhibited by competitive vested interests prompted more by desire for profits than by principle.

It also appears that within the realm of concrete house advocates there has been a condition more or less like a lot of cults and religions scrapping-amongst themselves, with dissenting theories to leave the masses incapable of discrimination more or less in doubt.

Apart from my own or any other individual theory, I feel there is somewhere within the pure conception a right and perfect way to deal with every detail of this great work and it remains for us to put our heads together in order that we may reach these truths in a common faith and in the spirit of co-operation make them live and serve.

Personally I have no greater desire or purpose than to see this work prosper and serve its worthy purpose, and in a state of perfection perpetuate the great and good name of its sponsor.

I know that Mr. Edison would not knowingly lend his name or moral support to an error and I would not suggest such a thing unless and until every detail has been satisfactorily thrashed out to render the system as near perfect in every detail as is humanly possible.

I have listened to a thousand suggestions from outside and have gone so far as to try out some of them, mostly with indifferent success, which I attribute to lack of real knowledge on the part of the many who have only a superficial understanding of the work.

I have always wanted to and intended to come to Mr. Edison for the final analysis and for his council, but not until I could bring to him something worthy of his attention and thought, and this I could not do until I became thoroughly satisfied myself as to certain ways and means by which the work could be mounted as a service and business to justify its position and existence.

Now I have gone as far as I can alone to gather together all that I have been able to find that appears to be good and best for this work, till now I know that:

(1) Good dependable concrete stone can be made of superior quality and at low cost from all sorts of aggregates.

(2) Artistic expression with infinite variety can be given to concrete, without the aid of other supporting materials, so that concrete itself may express the new and more beautiful designs with absolute freedom in size, shape and color.

(3) Insulation against heat, cold, sound and damp is now an assured contribution to the perfect concrete house.

(4) Decoration inside and out, everlasting and washable and beautiful is now obtainable at low cost with inexpensive formulae, applied by mechanical means with good effect and great saving.

(5) As to the details of fitments and conveniences, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing and sanitation, lighting, and even to the improved windows, doors, floors and roof, down to the last detail in hardware, it appears our concrete house has all the advantages of every type of construction and many advantages none of the others possess.

At some time when he feels like it and the spirit moves, I wish Mr. Edison would look over my work and general proposition and feel free to ask questions and give me the benefit of his advices, which I would much appreciate.

I feel the urge strongly that it's going to take all the forces we can command in the spirit of hearty co-operation to make this work strong and healthy to serve faithfully its good principles for the purpose and lasting good so potent in its concept.

I have in the most conscientious spirit pledged my life and fortune to this good work, which I am sure will some day (and I pray in the not distant future) be able to give all the people the better home at less cost, which would to my mind be one of the most powerful uplifting forces within our reach and apparently now at our command, and it is my sincere desire to do all I can and to persuade others to do all they can to help the good work along, and I do feel that Mr. Edison can and will be glad to do a whole lot by giving us the benefit of his wise council and moral support.

My son is now in New York in conference with a special group of architects who are endeavoring to ascertain just what is necessary and befitting in design to make the concrete house a thing of great beauty. You have met my son in Florida and I know he thinks a tremendous lot of Mr. Edison, and now if Mr. Edison would like to have the son run over to New Jersey for a brief exchange of questions and council, I'm sure it would be a mutually pleasant meeting and I would be glad to arrange it at Mr. Edison's early convenience and before my son returns here or goes to Florida.

Our solitary plant is still in Florida and I expect to be going down there soon to join the wife and by some means get our plant working again. So, if not before then, I may hope to have the pleasure of seeing you all again in Florida this winter.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes to you and yours, I remain

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Lambie, President.

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My dear Mrs. Edison:

You are probably aware that the Port Huron Rotary Club placed a large memorial boulder to mark the boyhood home of Mr. Edison at Port Huron.

Herewith I hand you a small piece of the boulder which has been sent to Mr. Edison.

I also enclose copies of the letter of D. W. Hayes, the President of the Rotary Club, together with a copy of Mr. Edison's letter of thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. Halleadnwarth

Nov. 26. 1929.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

ROTARY CLUB

PORT HURON, MICH.

October 19, 1929.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison,
Menlo Park,
New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Edison:-

Last Spring the Port Huron Rotary Club decided to mark some of the historical points around Port Huron.

The first location which the committee selected was your old home, and Harvey Dixon and Walter R. Stevens were appointed a committee to look up a suitable boulder.

They located a beautiful boulder near Kinde, Michigan, 92 miles north of Port Huron, but on account of the size of the boulder, it did not at first seem feasible to bring it to Port Huron. The weight of the boulder was 42 tons. The County Road Commission would not give permission to bring it over the roads, but by securing the co-operation of the Detroit Edison Company, the boulder was transported on rollers across country one and one-quarter miles to the main line of the Pere Marquette Railway, and loaded on a gooseneck flat car.

As you will see by the sample we are sending you, the boulder is very light colored, and has been pronounced by experts to be one of the most beautiful boulders ever used as a memorial.

As it is not possible for you to come to Port Huron and help us dedicate the boulder, we are trying by the pictures and news clippings to bring the boulder to you.

We hope that some day it will be possible for you to come to Port Huron and see the boulder which we have dedicated to your genius.

Sincerely yours,

PORT HURON ROTARY CLUB

By D. W. Hayes
President.

DWH/MR

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

COPY

November
twenty-second
1929

Mr. D. W. Hayes, President,
Rotary Club,
Port Huron, Mich.

My dear Mr. Hayes:

I trust you will kindly pardon this somewhat belated reply to your very kind letter. The manifestations of respect and regard on the part of my fellow citizens have been so numerous and varied that I am still engaged in the pleasant task of acknowledging them.

I have been greatly interested in the story of the memorial boulder as told in your letter, and it has been brought more vividly to my comprehension on looking over the pictures in the album which was sent me by Mr. Walter R. Stevens.

It is beyond me to give adequate expression to my great appreciation of the fine thought of the Port Huron Rotary Club in deciding to mark the location of my old home with such a magnificent boulder. It has more than ordinary significance to me, and I feel highly honored in having my childhood home so greatly distinguished.

Will you please convey to the Port Huron Rotary Club a cordial greeting from me and my thanks for the honor which they have bestowed upon me.

Yours very truly,

Ediphoned-E (Signed) Thomas A. Edison.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

THOMAS A. EDISON
COULD NOT COME TO PORT HURON
TO SEE THE BOULDER SO THE
Rotary Club
IS SENDING THIS PIECE
OF THE BIG BOULDER TO HIM.

Sommer

ANGORA-PALACE

Angora (Turkey)
November 28th 1929

Dear Mrs Edison,

Your charming letter reached me here in the new Turkish capital, which is growing out of the prairie around a small Asiatic citadel with American rapidity and American dimensions.

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We are on our way, via Palestine, to Egypt, where we want to go up the Nile as far as possible.

How often do we talk of the days spent with you and Mr Edison in that wonderful atmosphere of quiet and research around your home in Florida. I remember every free

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of your garden, the many birds on the lawn, the sea breeze, and the quaint and unique laboratory, the birthplace of historical events.

The Trees you sent us from Florida all came very well, but the exceptionally cold winter, that came over Europe last year, killed all except the little orange tree, which was in a pot in the hothouse.

So I have saved at least one of your gifts!

How I should love to show you my garden, what a great day it would be for Moscia!

Next year, perhaps, if we come over to the States, may we visit you?

All good Xmas wishes to you and Mr Edison from Yours sincerely, Olga Oudney

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
"Mixed Feelings" (1929)

This 7-page essay, entitled "Mixed Feelings," was written by Mina Edison on October 20, 1929—the day before the opening and dedication of Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. This event was intended to coincide with the Golden Jubilee (fiftieth anniversary) of Edison's invention of the incandescent light. While appreciative of the "great honors that are being paid my husband," she expresses her concern that "Menlo and Electric Light idea is made so prominent that all the other great inventions and work is almost forgotten" and her belief that the laboratory in West Orange and the home in Llewellyn Park must be kept as the "real shrine." An accompanying note indicates Mrs. Edison gave the document "for preservation" to Norman R. Speiden, a family friend who subsequently became curator of the Edison National Historic Site in West Orange.

Sunday - Oct. 20 - 1929

Mixed feelings.
Feel sad to think Seminole Lodge was disturbed by taking away the little laboratory - Feel that Mundo and Electric Light idea is made so prominent that all the other great animations are made to almost forgotten. General Electric getting more definitely established in having Owen Young head Master -
Hanger laboratories must

and Llewellyn Park
must be kept the real
Shrine - Preserve the
little cottage at the
laboratory for a great
museum - Talk over
with boys -
Little laboratory from
Seminole Lodge, Fort
Myers absolutely forgotten
already where in Fort
Myers it had its place -
Fort Meade laboratory
would have been much
more a tribute to
Edison if it had been

left in Detroit - Here
in time it will be
forgotten or a secondary
matter when the Institute
will be the living thing -
This side of it is simply
a play thing for Mr -
Ford and no one will
have the same sentiment.
We must collect all
interesting things for
Range Museum -
Get as many duplicate
things of Mr. Ford that
we can, such as books

of History, etc.
Most everything here has been electrical light.
He got his original telegraph key, etc. all other things.
To me it would have been a far greater thing if Mr. Ford had made the Edison Institute here all right but had left the laboratories in their own setting and endowed them making them fair in park effect

Preserving his homes and places for all time. I do not approve of disturbing historical spots. Let things be just and surround the historical spots with beauty. I cannot enter into this with the whole hearted appreciation having these feelings. I think it a most magnificent thing of Mr. Ford but I regret the method in above reasons.

I feel that, dear, is
so much more than
electric light and that
the Light Jubilee is
one grand advertisement
for General Electric
and light companies,
that dear has just
been made the excuse.
It may be that the
people will not grasp
this but they may
have missed this unless
the letter may have
been changed and
dear Gretchen has really

not written them. I
am hoping that that
will be the case -
If only I had paid
something at Inventors.
"I am proud and
appreciate the great
honors that are being
paid my husband
upon this great
occasion". What I
should have said.

This was written by
Mrs Thomas A. Edison.
N.R. Spencer
11/7/67

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence -- General, 1930

This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1930, along with undated items that were probably generated in 1930. Included are letters exchanged between John V. Miller and his sister Mina Edison while the Edisons were vacationing in Florida during the first half of 1930. The letters discuss the health of family friend Mrs. J. J. Perine, renovation work at the Glenmont garage, and other matters. One letter expresses concern that the white servants at Glenmont will not be willing to share bathroom facilities with Queenie Adams, the black cook at Fort Myers whom Mina was planning to bring back to New Jersey. Another discusses the construction of a new bathroom specifically for Queenie's use. Other correspondents include naturalist H. M. Burwell and former New Jersey governor Edward C. Stokes.

January
ninth
1930

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Seminole Lodge,
Fort Myers, Fla.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

The day after Christmas Mrs. Sloane called me up and stated that she had heard from you to the effect that I was to arrange for a nurse to go to Mrs. Perine ~~Frank~~ daily for two hours each day. I immediately took up the matter and found that Mrs. Perine was to be away for a week or ten days at Asbury Park or Ocean Grove.

I have again taken up the matter and gotten in touch with Mrs. Maloney, and she has just informed me that she could not fill this position as she takes only twelve hour or twenty-four hour service. This, of course, would be out of the question, and I am writing this letter to inform you of the circumstances and ask what you would like to have done now.

Yours sincerely,

J. V. Miller.

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P.S. We have been wondering whether the limousine and touring car arrived safely and in good condition. We would like to know that everything was O.K. Evidently they were, or else we would have heard.

J.V.M.

March 20, 1930.

Hon. E. C. Stokes,
The Bloomfield,
Trenton, N. J.

Dear Mr. Stokes:

Mr. Edison and I were exceedingly chagrined to learn that we did not have brought to our immediate attention by our young man the fact that you were so soon to leave for the north, so that we could have had a little visit with you the afternoon that you telephoned. We should have enjoyed seeing you and are indeed sorry that we missed you. We shall hope for better luck next time.

I trust that you had an enjoyable visit in this land of sunshine.

Sincerely,

Letter sent to Mr. C in Fla for signature together E C Stokes' letter.

Rec'd May 20 1930

SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

May 16-1930.

Dear old John. It is getting near time to taking our train for home. A difficulty just came up yesterday in talking over the matter of taking Jennie home with us for cooking. Edith thinks that white girls would not be willing to use the same bath room as Jennie. It occurred to me that we could fix up those end rooms of the garage for Jennie. I don't want

Theodore's ~~shelves~~ disturbed or anything the first-time the sun room and first the corner, in my diagram, for the bathroom. His shelves and all the things he had there I would not like disturbed but he may be able to use them in his new home laboratory.

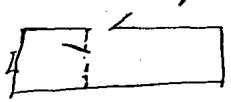
I thought we could use an iron stairway from one of the windows facing the house that will be least disturbing to the room and lots of things. For a long time I have thought of what rooms for a great Chauffeur but will use it this

Summer in this way using Henry's old room off the laboratory for emergency. That too I would like to have clean and sweet and in order, curtains, etc.

Sending this air mail so must get it off.

I think you will understand enclosure.

I also think it would be nice to enclose Scarsi's place outside where Mrs. Scarsi does her wash. Just leave the side facing the house open for our use. Like this.

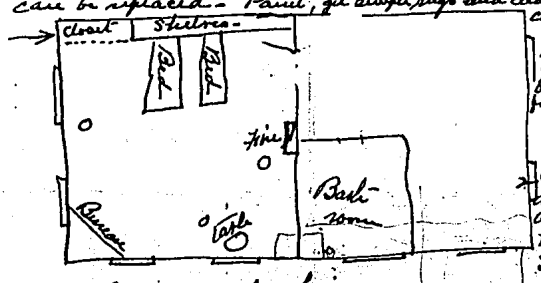


In other words I dont want to go to any more Expense than I have to.

In haste - Sincerely

Mina Dr.!

Dont disturb Murdoch's shutters excepting the one and naked closet - Rip boards taken out so that they can be replaced - Paint, get simple rugs and clean cream colour.



curtains for windows. Wax just breakfast for bath room

Cut this down as a door to have iron stair case to ground.

Beds - bureau - table - chairs from house - Duvall, second hand bits.

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TELEGRAM

Regular ☐
CHECK
Night Letter ☐
WHICH
Day Letter ☒

Via WU

Company

Date 5/20/30 192

Time 3:15

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Fort Myers, Fla.

Think stairs on north end between garage and Linden Road would be less conspicuous than on side facing house stop Enter room same corner but through window facing north instead of window facing house stop Do you approve of this change? Love.

John

5/20/30

WU

GLENMONT
GARAGE

JL
File
Mrs Edison
Garage

May 20, 1930.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers,
Florida.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

Herewith we send you blue print showing the rough plan of new living quarters in garage. This is not a detailed plan but is sent you to show only the general plan. If you approve, will you telegraph immediately your approval? This shows the stairway as we suggested by telegraph today. If you have any suggestions, please advise us at once, as time is short.

Yours very truly,

J. V. Miller

JVM/IWW
Spl. Delivery
Air Mail.

LIBRARY OF
THOMAS A. EDISON
JUN 10 1930
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PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE 1201S

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WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Received at 328 Main St., Orange, N. J.

1930 MAY 22 PM 8 36

N165 50 NL=FTMYERS FLO 22

JOHN V MILLER=
EDISON LABRATORY WESTORANGE NJ=.

JUST RECEIVED BLUE PRINT WANT NO LIVING ROOM ONE ROOM LARGE ENOUGH WITHOUT DISTURBING THEODORES CHEMICAL ROOM . PUT BATHROOM IN ONE CORNER BEDROOM INSTEAD OF MAKING OUTSIDE ROOM HAVE STAIRWAY LEAD FROM GARDEN INTO BEDROOM WINDOW INSTEAD OF FRONT THINK THIS PLAN BEST DONT MAKE EXTRA CHAUFFEUR ROOM LARGE LOVE=

MINA.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

Mrs. Edison Garage
Living Quarters
#21

#40

May 26, 1930.

Messrs. Lang & Co.,
407 Main Street,
East Orange, N. J.

Gentlemen:

We thank you very much for your attention to our request for an estimate for plumbing in Mr. Edison's garage. We regret to inform you, however, that due to the very high cost of the entire job, including carpenter and mason work, etc., Mrs. Edison has decided not to go ahead with the alterations to the rooms which you saw.

Yours very truly,

J. V. Miller
For Mrs. Edison

IWW

July 7, 1930.

Mr. Frank M. Stout,
Fort Myers,
Florida.

Dear Mr. Stout:

Enclosed we are sending you letter to the Bank authorizing you to sign checks for Mrs. Edison the same as you have done heretofore, rendering her an account, and trust that things will go along smoothly. This account will be used by yourself for payroll and emergency items only; other bills are to be sent to Mrs. Edison for payment from here.

With kindest regards to you and your family, also to Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

JVM/IWW
Enc-

J. V. Miller

July 7, 1930.

Lee County Bank & Trust Co.,
Fort Myers,
Florida.

Gentlemen:

I hereby authorize you to accept the signature of Mr. Frank M. Stout on checks against my account in your bank which you have in the name of Mina M. Edison. This authority is to be effective during my absence from Fort Myers and is to be handled the same as you have done up until the change was made last winter.

Yours very truly,

Mina M. Edison.

Journal Letter

Fort Myers, Fla. Aug 30

Dear Mrs Edison:

I can say very little that is good about the situation in Fort Myers. In most towns they try to select men with at least an average amount of intelligence for public office, but here it seems to be just the opposite. The men elected to run the business of the city, evidently hadn't the least idea what to do, and have spent the time fighting among themselves.

I am afraid it would do very little good to talk birds and plants to such people for that would be another thing they wouldn't understand.

I do think that is the right idea however, for there is nothing that has a greater influence for good in any community. When people have grown up with the idea that birds and plants were of no value unless they could eat them, or sell them, as most of the older residents here have, it is not easy to make them see it any other way, but I think most young people are naturally interested in birds and flowers and education along this line is one of the things most needed in the south.

To get people interested in nature it is necessary to do something more than tell them about it. When they can see strange and beautiful trees from foreign lands and learn some of the interesting things about them, or learn how interesting and attractive many of our native plants are, and learn to know them by name- When they can learn of the usefulness of our native birds and how to attract them around their homes-then they will wish to do something of the kind, and once started in the study of nature, most of them will wish to learn more, and will lose interest in the destruction of all wild things.

I have been trying to start something of this kind here, but with little success so far. In California they have two or three large arboretums, several thousand acres I believe, with over one million dollars back of them. They are trying to have a tropical arboretum at Miami, or near there on the East Coast, but some of the best gardeners there admit that it is not possible to have the best tropical garden there, and that the only place for such a garden is near Fort Myers.

Mr Nehrling has one of the best collections of plants in this country and tells me he would like to see them planted in some place where they would be preserved and taken care of, for he is an old man and if anything happens to him, these rare plants will be lost to Florida, and more than Florida, it would be a great loss to the whole country. I have tried to get people interested in starting a tropical garden near here, even in a small way at first, but while many are interested, none of them enough to finance the project.

There is no other one thing that would be as interesting and of as great value to Fort Myers as a thing of this kind, the only tropical garden in the United States, a place that all the best people would want to see, and with a botanical museum and source of information on tropical planting and conservation

it would be one of the most important parks in the U.S,
If I had a small part of the money that any one of our wealthy Americans spend every year for things they don't need,and don't really care for,I would invest it all in making the World more beautiful and in helping people to see and know the wonderful things in natures realm.If we could get our young people interested in nature there would be little use for prisons and reform schools in the future.In teaching nature study I have found some young people who were naturally bad and hopeless, but in many cases the parents or teachers were more to blame than the children and it was only necessary to give them a chance.

I think the birds miss you for they didn't remain long after you left.Birds are never as common here in the Summer when they are busy making new homes and raising a family,yet many of them would try to locate as near as possible to their friends,and they know when they are no longer welcome.

Mockingbirds are starting to sing again.They always begin to sing about the first of September after their housekeeping cares are over. I miss my bird friends of the north more than anything else.Southerners can never know the pleasure of hearing the first robin,bluebird or song sparrow in the spring,of a day in the woods at the height of the warbler migration.

I often long to hear once more the song of the hermit thrush and the veery,to sit on a certain fence and listen to the songs of dozens of bobolinks in the meadow below. These are things we never forget,and are free to everyone, I doubt if any of the costly pleasures of city life ever leave such sweet and lasting memories,and we,who have been blessed with a love of nature, have much to be thankful for.

That is a strange letter you sent me (from the man) I don't understand why he sent such a letter to you but he was queer anyway. He left here some time in May,I think,and I never heard what happened to him.He worked about a month for Mr Gay,at the laundry, and they never paid him.I think he was trying to get someone to make them pay him. I was very sorry for him for he was down here among strangers,and with no money,and in poor health. He seemed to be an honest sort of a man but not just right under his hat.

It has been very warm here,with some hard rains.They had quite a time trying to get the water off the place across the street where the things are planted.

Hope Mr Edison will keep in good health this summer and be back with us soon.Also Mrs Edison. If I can ever do anything for either of you I would like to repay you in some way for your kindness to me,just a plain naturalist.

Sincerely,

H. M. Briswell

J. M. DAVIS
NINETY WEST STREET
NEW YORK

September 30, 1930

Dear Mrs. Edison:

It is a pleasure to send you herewith employment application form which shows that you have qualified for the very important position of Electric Motorman on the Lackawanna Railroad.

It is understood, of course, that should any of our Motormen become ill or that for any other reason we may be short of a Motorman out of South Orange, we will not hesitate to call upon you to report at the Station and handle the train from South Orange to Hoboken and return until such time as you can be properly relieved from service.

With best wishes to you and your loved ones, always, I am

Most sincerely yours,

J. M. Davis

To:

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

DL&W-G8
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APPLICATION FOR {EMPLOYMENT AS / PROMOTION TO} Electric Motorman (Engineer)

1. Name In Full Mrs. Thomas A. Edison Age ✓ Years.

2. Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth Akron, Ohio 3. Name of Wife, if Living _____

(If Unmarried, So State) _____ Residence Llewellyn Park, West Orange, NJ (City, Street and Number)

4. Name of Father and Mother, if Living _____ Residence _____ (City, Street and Number)

5. If Unmarried, and Parents Are Not Living, Name and Address of Nearest Relative
Thomas A. Edison, Llewellyn Park, N. J.

6. Name and Address of Any Persons Dependent On You for Support, or to Whose Support You Are Contributing
J

7. Have You Any Relatives in Service of D., L. & W. R. R.? If So, Give Names, Relationship and Occupation
No

8. Give record of your services for last five years, giving each year in regular order down to date. State what railroad experience you have, if any, giving names of roads, in what capacity employed and length of service on each road. If you have not previously been employed by a railroad company, state by whom, when, where and how employed.

Name of Railroad or Other Employer	Town or City at Which Employed	Name of State	Name and Address of Employer or Employing Officer	What was Your Occupation	Date You Entered Their Service	Date You Left Their Service
Glenmont	West Orange	N. J.		Home Executive		

9. Give as references three responsible persons (other than those named above) who will certify to your good character.

Name	Occupation	Address
Herbert Hoover	Pres. of the U. S.	Washington, D. C.
Adolph S. Ochs	Newspaper Publisher	C/o New York Times, New York City.
Dr. Geo. F. Kunz	Precious Stone Expert	C/o Tiffany & Co., New York City.

10. Have You Ever Been Injured? If so, When, and at What Place? No

How Did It Occur? _____ Extent of Injuries _____

11. Do You Use Intoxicating Liquors? No If so, To What Extent? _____

12. If Employed at Present, By Whom? As above

No. _____ Street _____ Town or City _____ State of _____

In What Capacity are You Employed? _____ 13. If Not Employed at Present, Why Did You Leave Your Last Place? _____

14. Have you ever been in the employ of the D., L. & W. Railroad? If so, state when, in what capacity, on what Division and cause of leaving No

15. Have you ever before made application for employment and been subjected to a physical examination? If so, when, where and by whom was examination made? No

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

GS-BACK

WERE YOU ACCEPTED OR REJECTED?

16. DID YOU BELONG TO ANY LABOR ORGANIZATIONS? IF SO, GIVE NAMES No

17. MY HEARING IS Good AND EYESIGHT Good AND I am able TO DISTINGUISH COLORS.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY APPLICANT FOR PROMOTION

18. DATE OF ENTERING THIS COMPANY'S SERVICE 19. PRESENT POSITION

20. WHAT PREVIOUS EXAMINATIONS HAVE YOU BEEN SUBJECTED TO, AND WHAT WERE THE RESULTS?

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT FOR EMPLOYMENT OR PROMOTION

MY PRESENT ADDRESS IS Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N. J.

DATED AT Orange, N. J. THIS 23rd DAY OF September 1930.

NOTE. The answers to the foregoing questions must be in the handwriting of the applicant for employment or promotion and must be signed by him in the presence of the Examiner.

EDUCATIONAL TEST RECORD

(TO BE MADE BY EXAMINER)

OF Mrs. Thomas A. Edison APPLICANT FOR Electric Motorman (Engineer)*

AS ON DIVISION

HE IS A GRADUATE OF HAVING TAKEN THE COURSE.

HE ATTENDED SCHOOL YEARS, STUDIED

ADVANCING AS FOLLOWS: Educational Test Record - 100%

**HEARING IS Perfect EYESIGHT IS Perfect AND is ABLE TO DISTINGUISH COLORS.

IN READING, WRITING, ARITHMETIC AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANGUAGE USED IN RULES SHE IS well QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION SOUGHT.

IN GENERAL MENTAL CHARACTERISTICS AND BEARING SHE IS Perfect

(SIGNATURE) Charles Siegel (EXAMINER)

*EMPLOYMENT OR PROMOTION.
**FOR USE OF ROADWAY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYES ONLY.

Motor DEPARTMENT.

DIVISION.

APPLICATION FOR Employment (EMPLOYMENT OR PROMOTION)

NAME Mrs. Thomas A. Edison

FOR POSITION OF Electric Motorman (Engineer)

RECOMMENDED BY The Citizens of the Oranges. (DIVISION OFFICER)

DATE OF APPLICATION January 1, 1930.

DATE COMMENCED WORK Road Tests completed September 22, 1930.

APPROVED: The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company

APPROVED: September 30th, 1930.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad

Fare: Gratis

CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE *and* CIVICS
of the ORANGES *and* MAPLEWOOD

ORANGES
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